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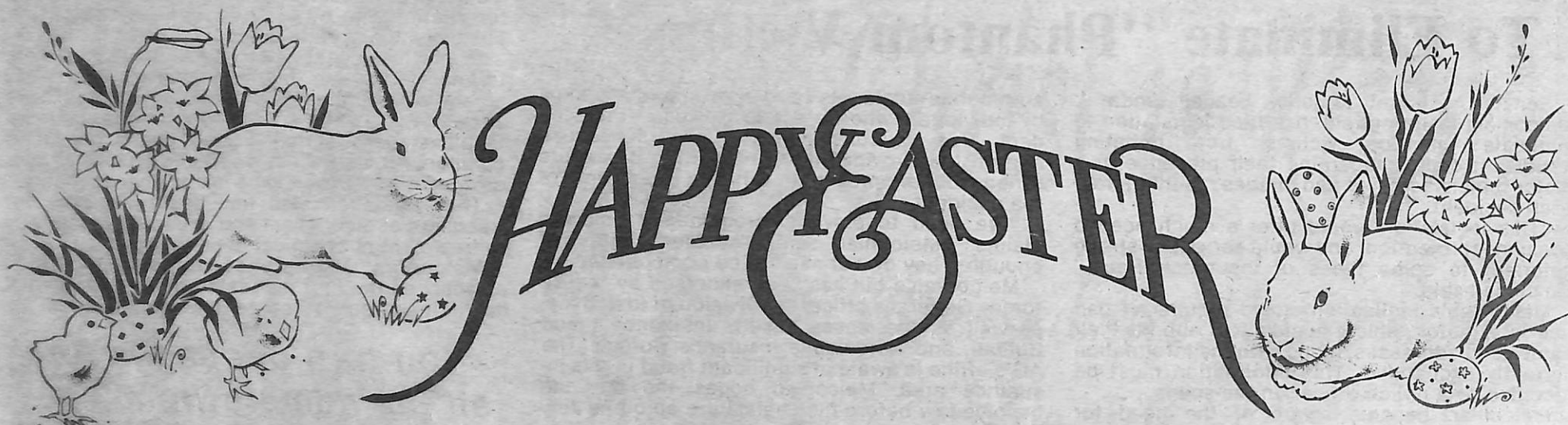
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Football Icon Harry Leonardi Fondly Remembered By Many

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

A man from Agawam's old school died last week. His name was Harry Leonardi. He was 69 years-old. His demise came before his time if you believe the insurance actuaries. But they deal in numbers, not humanity. He was a man of the ages, if you know anything about athletics.

Harry was not a number. He was not a gilded politician. He wasn't the chief executive officer of a Fortune 500 company. He wasn't a general of the army or a captain of industry. He was a football coach.

He was a coach. Pure and simple. He was pure in his dedication to the sport. He carried the simple part with him, like a talisman - winning is simply the only thing. You win because you dedicate yourself to winning.

He was the Agawam High School football coach from 1957 to 1967. From the 1964 to the 1966 season, Agawam football dominated Western Mass. with a 26-game unbeaten streak, authored by Leonardi.

This was his philosophy, told to us by him two years ago: "We tested the kids every day. We put the ball in the circle and said, 'There it is. If you want it bad enough, you'll go and get it.'" Football was a way of life. Hard work meant good things would come back to you.

The coach died because his heart failed. Even his iron will couldn't help him win the final battle. Former AHS Athletic Director Cliff Kibbe played football with Leonardi at Springfield College as a halfback. Harry, a lineman, opened the holes for him. "Harry could block better than anyone I'd seen," Kibbe said.

13-Year Football Relationship

That football relationship would last for 13 years. Kibbe signed on as an assistant coach under Leonardi at AHS until Harry retired from coaching after the 1967 season. Kibbe took over as head coach and would become the Athletic Director.

The 26-game unbeaten streak, which will forever link Leonardi to football immortality in Western Massachusetts, came after a 32-6 loss to



FORMER AHS FOOTBALL COACH Harry Leonardi, who died last week, speaks at a football banquet back in his glory days.

Springfield Tech in the third game of the 1963 season. For the next three years, they would not taste defeat in the tough AA Conference. Kibbe, as an assistant, got a first-hand look at the master in action.

"He was incredibly tough and hard-nosed. Harry demanded total dedication. He was also an innovator when it came to offensive line play. We almost never passed because our running game was so dominating," Kibbe said, perhaps recalling their days together at Springfield College.

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No Assistant For Personnel Director...

Council Increases Pay For Election Workers And Town Clerk

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

Election workers and the Board of Registrars will get an increase in their salaries, but the town's Personnel Director won't be getting a personnel assistant.

At Monday night's meeting, Town Council was unanimous in approving ordinances increasing election workers' hourly wages by 20 percent, increasing the salaries paid to the Board of Registrars by 25 percent, and bumping the stipend paid to Town Clerk Richard Theroux for chairing the Board of Registrars from \$800 to \$1,500 per year. It had been nine years since the hourly workers had received a raise. The salaries for the Board of Registrars had not been adjusted for 15 years.

With virtually no discussion, the council agreed to the salary increases for the Town Clerk and his election workers, but they balked at creating the position of personnel assistant as requested by Mayor Christopher C. Johnson.

In a decisive 8-2 vote, the council turned thumbs down on Johnson's plan to upgrade the clerical position in the Personnel Department to an administrative position, and to hire a human resource professional to assist the Personnel Director. The new position would have added about \$7,000 to the town's payroll.

Although Monday night's vote was nearly a reversal of the first two readings of the ordinance, Council President Donald Rheault said his "no" vote did not constitute a reversal of his opinion on the issue, even though he had twice voted in favor of the measure.

Voting in favor were Councilors Nancy Thompson and George Bitzas. Against were Rheault, Council Vice-President Robert Magovern, and Councilors Gary Geiger, Robert Young, Gina Letellier, Edward Caba, John Negrucci, and Dennis Perry. Councilor Jill Simpson was absent.

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Rheault said he had voted "yes" on the two previous readings to allow enough time for the Mayor to address the council on his reasons for making the request, and to be sure the council had enough time to digest the information and research the issue for themselves.

"We listened intently to the Mayor when he had his opportunity to present his reasons," Rheault said. "I disagree with the answers he supplied. I think the 'no' vote said it would just put more responsibility onto the qualified person (the Personnel Director)."

Furthermore, Rheault said he did not support adding \$7,000 onto the town budget. "This is a time when business and industry are downsizing, not adding," Rheault said. "It was not such a long time ago even such a small amount as \$7,000 would have been welcome when the kids needed paper and pencils in the schools."

Johnson's Reasons...

At the council's March 2nd meeting, Johnson said the town needs another human resource professional to assist with confidential personnel information, personal medical and psychological records, employee disciplinary records, and to assist with preparing data and proposals used in the collective bargaining process with the unions.

Johnson said the creation of the position would

not add to the number of people on the town's payroll because the person presently doing clerical work in the personnel office would be transferred to a vacant clerical position. Upgrading the clerical position in the personnel office from a union position to a confidential administrative position would have cost between \$6,500 and \$7,000 a year, according to Johnson.

Councilor Gary Geiger said he did not think the new position was necessary. "I think we should be looking at the top position," Geiger said. "Sometimes I think we look at things from the bottom up when we should be looking at things from the top down."

Councilor Robert Young said he believed the workload in the personnel office did not justify adding an administrator. "After researching the workload and in discussion with other town employees, I think the assistant we have is sufficient."

In other business, the council was unanimous in reappointing Barbara Dunn to a three-year term on the Board of Registrars, and in appointing Dave Modzeleski as an alternate member of the Zoning Board of Appeals.

In another unanimous vote, the council approved a transfer of \$15,000 to the Law Department professional services account to cover legal expenses incurred outside the normal duties of the town's attorneys.

Senator Melconian Files Legislation To Eliminate "Phantom Victims"

Senate Assistant Majority Leader Linda J. Melconian (D-Springfield) has filed legislation to eliminate "phantom victims" from initiating fraudulent claims regarding their presence in a motor vehicle accident and injuries resulting from such accident.

"This legislation would offer a much needed consumer protection, and would serve as a strong deterrent to some types of insurance fraud," Melconian said.

Melconian's legislation would require all parties in a motor vehicle accident to submit their names and addresses, along with the information currently exchanged. This information must be recorded by a police officer on the scene.

Melconian became aware of the need for legislation through constituent calls to her district office. Constituents who were in

automobile accidents have been hit with claims by individuals who were not involved in the accident. This fraudulent behavior occurs because current law provides no identification procedure for passengers present in vehicles at the time of the accident.

"We need to prevent frivolous and unlawful claims," Melconian said. "Accidents are bad enough. They do not need to be compounded."

Melconian's bill has been endorsed by the Attorney General's office, the Division of Insurance, as well as the Massachusetts Insurance Fraud Bureau, and Automobile Insurance Bureau. The AG's office is aware of significant fraud in this insurance area. Melconian hopes the bill can become law before the Legislature adjourns July 31st.

Senate Passes Melconian's Medical Parity Legislation

Senate Assistant Majority Leader Linda J. Melconian (D-Springfield) has announced that on April 2nd, the Massachusetts Senate unanimously passed her landmark legislation to provide full medical parity with physical ailments for individuals suffering from mental illness.

"This is monumental legislation which will provide fairness for every individual seeking medical care," Melconian said. "For too long, individuals suffering from mental illness have been stigmatized, discriminated against, and denied the medical attention they need to treat and conquer their illnesses."

Under the terms of the legislation, insurance companies, Blue Cross and Blue Shield and health maintenance organizations would be required to provide mental health benefits under the same terms and conditions as those benefits are provided to people who suffer from physical ailments.

The Melconian-sponsored amendment clarifies and strengthens the intent of the legislation, which is to provide absolute parity. No one who is mentally ill will be denied coverage for his or her illness, as long as the treatment is deemed medically necessary. Her amendment also allows for treatment to be given in the least restrictive, clinically appropriate setting.

"I felt it was vital to include all those with mental illness in our bill," Melconian said. "My amendment eliminates a loophole that could have allowed insurers to cover only catastrophic mental illness and seriously emotionally disturbed children. All mental illness should be treated and covered if it is proven to be medically necessary."

The legislation also includes full parity for treatment of alcoholism and expanding coverage to treatment of chemical dependency.

Melconian championed legislation which established the first mandated benefit for mental health insurance coverage in Massachusetts.

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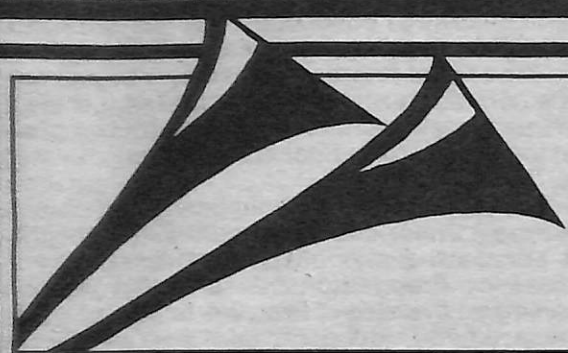
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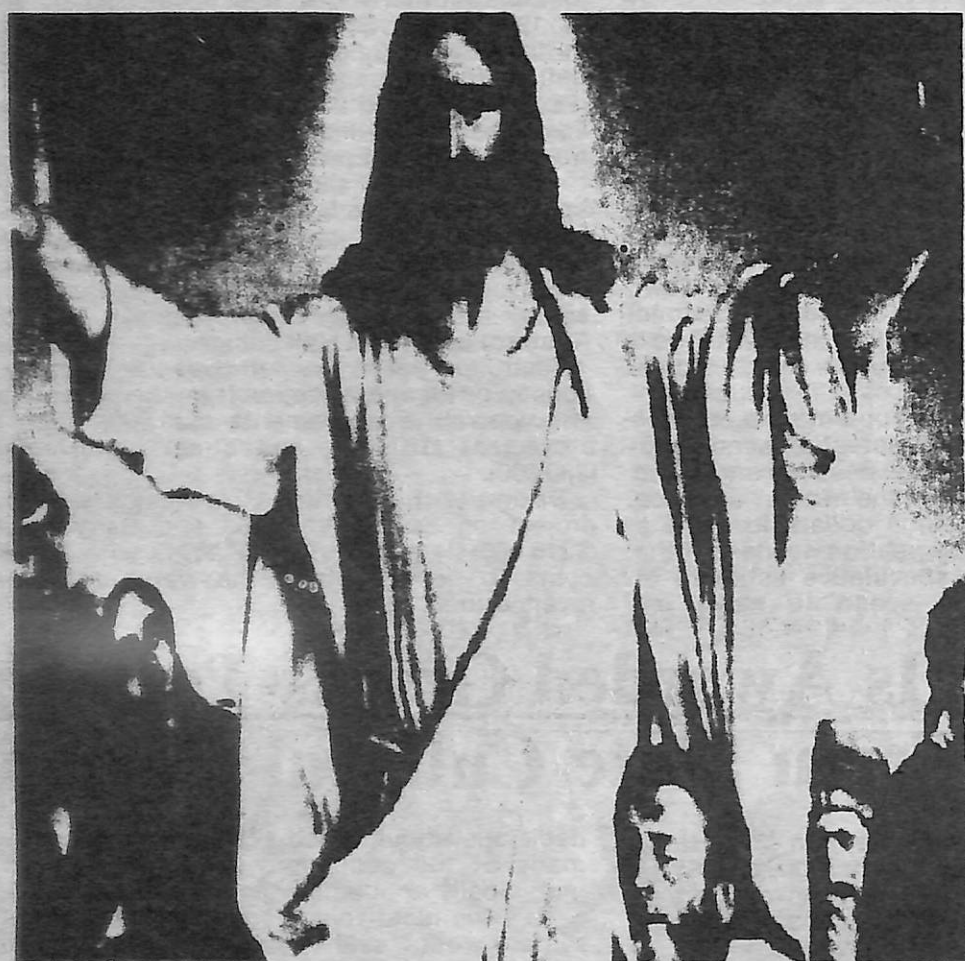
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Letters To The Editor

AHS Girls' Lacrosse Booster Club Thanks Area Businesses

To The Editor:

The Agawam High School Girls' Lacrosse Booster Club would like to thank the following businesses for allowing members of the varsity and junior varsity girls' lacrosse team to conduct a can drive at their place of business:

Dunkin' Donuts (Feeding Hills & Agawam), FoodMart, Geissler's Supermarket, Partners Restaurant, Westfield Savings Bank.

Mrs. Cheryl A. Gregory
Agawam

AHS Band To Hold Can Drive On Saturday, April 18th

To The Editor:

To The Helpful Citizens Of Agawam And Feeding Hills:

The Agawam High School Band will be having a can drive on Saturday, April 18th.

The money raised by this fundraiser will be used to aid the band with its upcoming trip to Atlanta, Georgia. Band members will be driving around town, collecting soda cans and bottles.

If you would like to donate yours to the band, just give them to the member when they reach your house. If someone does not make it to your house and you would still like to donate, you can contact Tamara Watson at the Music Extension of Agawam High School.

We thank the town for all the support it gives to the band and appreciate what you can do to aid us in this fundraiser. Again, the can drive is on April 18th starting at 11:00 a.m.

Sincerely,
Shawn Sherry & Carolyn Cline
Band Co-Presidents

Riverside's General Manager Is On Rep. Keenan's Cable Show

State Representative Daniel F. Keenan is pleased to announce that his television show, "From Your House To The State House," will be airing on Sundays at 11:00 a.m. on the community access channel, channel 9.

The month of April's television show will feature Bill Muirhead, general manager and vice president of Riverside Park.

Keenan and Muirhead will take this opportunity to highlight new attractions to the park for the 1998 season, as well as Riverside Park's involvement and commitment to the community. Riverside Park, located in Agawam, is a 170-acre amusement park and is considered one of the finest amusement parks in the New England area.

Rep. Keenan's next show, which will air during the month of May, will feature the Southwick-Tolland Regional Business Education Alliance.

Keenan's Office Has "Consumer's Guide To Licensed Professions"

State Representative Daniel F. Keenan recently announced the availability of "A Consumer's Guide to the Licensed Professions Within the Division of Registration." The "Consumer's Guide" includes information for consumers concerning professional and occupational licensing for over 530,000 individuals in more than 45 trades and professions, ranging from nurses to electricians to pharmacists.

The brochure also includes a listing of the boards of registration that license the trades and professions, an explanation of the complaint process, and tips for choosing a tradesperson or other professional.

To obtain a copy, contact Rep. Keenan's district office at (413) 786-4545.

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Johnson Sends Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan To Town Council

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

If the Mayor's five-year capital improvement loan is carried out, the town will have a new public works garage, more space added to the library and the Senior Center, a new or renovated Town Hall, and a recreation improvement project to expand current facilities and bring new facilities on line.

Sent to Town Council last week, Mayor Christopher C. Johnson's five-year plan also includes sidewalk and street improvement programs, extension of the sewer system on South Westfield Street, and the installation of a larger water main during the highway improvement project on North Westfield Street.

The capital improvement plan is used to prioritize proposed improvement projects, research and estimate the funding needed to pay for the projects, and to forecast future principal and interest payments.

Johnson said the plan represents a "realistic, feasible, long-term program," while pointing out that spending mandated under Education Reform, coupled with diminishing state grant and project reimbursement money, could delay the implementation of his plan.

Johnson said the plan includes two major philosophical changes over previous years. First, the funding (\$1.2 million) for land acquisition and design of a DPW garage has been shifted from the capital improvement plan to the upcoming Town Budget in order to avoid bonding. Second, Johnson has set aside \$1 million in the fifth year of the plan for improvements in the town's recreation facilities.

"Later this month, I'll be appointing a committee to examine our current recreation needs, project future needs, and explore possible short- and long-term strategies to meet the needs," Johnson said. "I included the million dollars to show a commitment to funding recreation needs, but the amount is based on a speculative estimate of what we may need to spend to make im-

provements, rather than on a specific plan."

Johnson's Aims Over The Next Five Years...

Over the next five years, Johnson aims to limit general fund principal and interest payments to approximately \$1.65 million a year; appropriate as much of the funding as possible from the general fund for capital improvements on a pay-as-you-go basis (while maintaining existing service levels); and use the stabilization fund to meet the goal of keeping yearly principal and interest payments level.

Johnson said the capital improvement plan was developed under the assumption that the town will pursue the maximum property tax revenue allowed by Proposition 2½, and that he is not planning an override of Prop 2½ to pay for the projects outlined in the plan.

In all but one of the five years of the plan, a major construction project is scheduled for bonding: in 1999, construction of a DPW garage (\$3.5 million); in 2000, expansion of the library (\$2.7 million); in 2002, expansion of the Senior Center (\$1.2 million); and in 2003, construction of a new Town Hall (\$2.5 million) and funding for the recreation improvement project (\$1 million).

In each year of the plan, capital improvement spending is slated to come from the town's general fund to pay for projects, including underground fuel tank removal and replacement, design of the library and Senior Center expansions, and drainage improvements in North Agawam and Town Hall design.

Also, for each year of the plan, money is scheduled for appropriation from the general fund for sidewalk improvements (\$20,000), park improvement (\$20,000), and street improvements (\$30,000).

Design of the Feeding Hills trunk sewer south project on South Westfield and Barry Streets (\$315,000) is scheduled in 2001, with bonding costs to be paid from the water department revenue fund.

Agawam Is Awarded Grants Totaling \$17,363 From State Cultural Council

Representative Daniel F. Keenan (3rd Hampden) and Agawam Cultural Council Director Sylvia Deliso announced the award of several grants totaling \$17,363 for cultural programs in Agawam.

These grants were awarded from a pool of funds distributed to the Town of Agawam by the Massachusetts Cultural Council (MCC), a state agency that supports public programs and educational activities in the arts, sciences, and humanities.

The Agawam Cultural Council is part of a network of 336 local units that serve every city and town in the Commonwealth. The legislature provides an annual appropriation to the MCC, which then allocates funds to each local council. The

decisions about which activities to support are made at the community level, by a board of municipally appointed volunteers.

"It's the local volunteers who really make this system work," said Keenan. "They make limited resources go as far as possible, and they make tough decisions about which projects should be supported."

Statewide, more than \$4 million will be distributed in 1998 totaling about 7,000 grants. These grants support a range of activities, including field trips, after-school programs, concerts, and exhibitions.

Keenan has expressed that he is happy to have supported the MCC's endeavors.

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF AGAWAM AGAWAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Agawam Conservation Commission will meet on Wednesday, April 15, 1998 at 7:45 PM in the Faolin Peirce Community Room, Agawam

LEGAL NOTICE

Police Station, 681 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, Mass. The purpose of this meeting will be to hear the Request for Determination of Applicability of Longhi for property located at 105 Meadow Street.

By Order of Henry A. Kozloski, Chairman
Agawam Conservation Commission
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Public Hearing On School Budget Slated For April 14th...

School Committee Gives Tentative Approval To Superintendent's \$23.1 Million Spending Plan

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

At its third School Budget workshop on Tuesday evening, the School Committee gave tentative approval to the four remaining cost centers of the superintendent's \$23.1 million spending plan for the next school year.

No mention was made of the largest single item in the line items budget: the reserve account. The School Department is currently engaged in collective bargaining with five bargaining units (the teachers' contract representing the single largest expense).

While no specific information regarding the negotiations will be made public until agreement is reached between the School Department and the union, money has been set aside in the salary reserve account in anticipation of successful negotiations. The total amount tentatively approved for the salary reserve account (\$552,117) represents a 3.3 percent increase over the current level of salary spending.

In unanimous votes, the five School Committee members present okayed spending plans for Special Education, the Early Childhood Program, programs with other school districts, and the miscellaneous cost center designated at "line items."

Present at the workshop session were School Committee Vice-Chairwoman Linda Galarneau and members Susan Pettazoni, Louis Massoia, Jr., Rosemary Sandlin, and Teresa Kozloski. Absent from Tuesday night's session were School Committee Chairman (Mayor) Christopher C. Johnson and member Roberta Doering. Also attending the budget session were Town Council Vice-President Robert Magovern and Councilor Robert Young, both members of the council's School Budget sub-committee.

The spending plans under consideration at the

workshop session were Special Education (\$4.6 million); the Early Childhood Program (\$142,894); programs with other districts (\$673,702); and the "catch-all" line items cost center, which includes funding not attributable to other areas of the budget (\$1.6 million).

In discussing the Special Education budget, School Superintendent Frank Ameruso said a late-breaking development in a plan to save tuition costs for Special Education students at the High School has provided enough savings in the budget to pay for a Special Education teacher and teaching assistant to create an integrated sixth grade classroom at the Middle School (as originally requested by Middle School Principal Ralph Zavarella).

By devising a plan to teach a Special Education class at the High School rather than pay tuition costs for the students to attend classes outside Agawam, Ameruso said he was able to save a "hefty amount of money," enabling him to fully fund a second integrated sixth grade classroom at the Middle School, even though the request had been cut from the budget submitted to the School Committee last month.

"We have been able to fund a Special Education position and a teaching aide at the Middle School without increasing the amount of money in our budget," Ameruso said.

To illustrate the high cost of sending Special Education students out-of-town to receive appropriate services, Special Education Director John Brosnan said the School District pays tuition costs ranging from \$10,500 to \$64,000 per student for placement at public and private schools (both in and out of the state).

According to Brosnan, tuition costs for private school placements outside the state will cost the

school district \$300,419 next year to provide appropriate services for nine Special Education students with multiple, severe handicaps.

"To put it in perspective, 35 percent of our tuition costs go to fund tuition for five percent of our students," Brosnan said.

Appropriate Placements For Special Education...

Associate Superintendent Donald Charest said the School Department is working to provide Special Education students with the appropriate placements at the most reasonable cost. "Obviously, these costs are exorbitant," Charest said.

The Early Childhood Cost Center represents the cost of teacher salaries (\$142,894) for the pre-school program integrating Special Education children with regular education peer partners, Charest said. The cost of supplies for the Early Childhood Center is covered by the tuition paid by the families of the peer partners.

The programs with other districts cost center pays for the cost of providing vocational education to 84 students attending the Pioneer Valley Educational Collaborative (\$535,077), and 15 students attending Westfield Vocational High School (\$138,625).

The line items cost center (\$1.6 million) includes items that can't be attributed to any one school, like substitute teachers, professional development, data processing, contracted services and supplies, and music textbooks, Charest said.

The School Committee will hold a public hearing on the proposed school budget at its regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, April 14th, at 7:30 p.m. in the Middle School auditorium.

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Treasurer's Office Releases List Of Citizens Due \$\$\$

State Treasurer Joe Malone announced that the Treasurer's Office has compiled a list of individuals and organizations who have money waiting for them under the Commonwealth's abandoned property law, and that it is available for viewing on the World Wide Web.

This list will appear in daily and weekly newspapers throughout the state during the week of April 5th. It can be viewed on the Internet at www.state.ma.us/treasury/.

"We're more efficient than ever at the Massachusetts Treasury in returning lost money to owners," Malone said. "I urge every citizen to check the abandoned property listing because we are eager to return all of this money to its rightful owners."

Under Massachusetts' abandoned property law, accounts which have been inactive for more than three years are declared abandoned and turned over to the Treasurer's Office for safekeeping. Unclaimed property consists of any financial asset that has not had any owner-generated activity for an extended period of time. This includes savings accounts, checking accounts, unpaid wages or commissions, stocks, underlying shares, uncashed dividends, customer deposits or overpayments, certificates of deposit, credit balances, refunds, money orders, paid-up life insurance policies, and uncashed benefits checks. It also includes contents from safety deposit boxes.

In accordance with the Massachusetts' Unclaimed Property Act, property becomes "unclaimed" when there is no owner-generated activity on a financial asset for a three-year period, 15 years in the case of travelers checks, and seven years in the case of safety deposit boxes.

Under the law, the "holders" (banks, insurance companies, businesses, etc.) must make a determined effort to locate the true owner. If they are unsuccessful, they are to report the names and last known addresses of the owners to the Treasurer's Office, where additional efforts are made to locate the owners. The money is then deposited in the General Fund. There is no time limit on claiming abandoned property. Owners and their heirs need not pay a finder's fee to anyone to claim what rightfully belongs to them. All funds accrue interest until claimed according to the law.

Anyone who sees their name on the unclaimed property list must call the Treasurer's Office at (617) 367-0400, Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. or write to: State Treasury, Unclaimed Property Division, One Ashburton Place, 12th floor, Boston, Massachusetts 02108.

When writing or calling, respondents should give the name of the person as it appears on the list, plus current address, address three years ago, social security number, daytime telephone number, and any other relevant information needed for verification.

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Tax Tip Of The Week...

IRS Says To Check Your Numbers NOW

The number most likely to be wrong on a tax return isn't an income or deduction amount, according to the Internal Revenue Service — it's the identification number for the taxpayer, spouse, or dependent. This is currently the most frequent error being made by Massachusetts taxpayers on federal tax returns received at the IRS processing center.

"It's worth taking the extra time to check all tax forms and schedules for correct numbers," said acting IRS Director Bill Caine. "Doing so now can help eliminate frustration later."

In most instances where the IRS detected an error, the required number was either missing or did not match IRS or Social Security records for the name shown on the tax return. A recent change to the tax laws now allows the IRS to remove the credit or exemption claimed for any identifying number mismatches, resulting in a smaller refund or even a tax bill being sent to the taxpayer.

With April 15th less than a week away, the IRS has expanded its walk-in and telephone assistance to help Massachusetts taxpayers prevent such tax problems. Taxpayers can call the IRS toll-free at 1-800-829-1040 from 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m., Monday through Saturday.

There is also a special Saturday walk-in service on April 11th from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Springfield IRS office, located in the Federal Courthouse Building, 1550 Main Street, in downtown Springfield.

To prevent problems that may delay the processing of the return, the IRS suggests that taxpayers double check the following taxpayer identification items before filing:

- Make sure taxpayer identification numbers don't have a number transposed or missing.
- Obtain a SSN for all dependents you are claiming. (Use Form SS-5 to apply for a number from the Social Security Administration.)
- Look for names that have changed because of marriage or divorce. (Notify the Social Security Administration immediately after any change to your name.)
- Aliens who do not qualify for SSNs must get IRS-issued individual taxpayer identification numbers, or "ITINs." (Use IRS Form W-7 to apply.)
- People in the process of a domestic adoption may need an adoption taxpayer identification number (ATIN) for the child. (Use IRS Form W-7A to apply.)

Another way to significantly reduce the possibility of error is to use an IRS e-file option. Fewer than one percent of electronic returns have errors of any kind.

As of the end of March, the IRS had received over 441,000 e-filed returns from Massachusetts taxpayers. Nearly 224,000 returns were filed by computer, with 12,400 returns from home computer users. The other 205,000 arrived through TeleFile, the IRS's file-by-phone system.

Fire Wise... by Fire Chief Rusty Jenks

Matches & Cigarette Lighters Are For Adults

Many fires are caused simply by a combination of a small child's curiosity and the availability of matches or a cigarette lighter. The resulting fires have some of the most disastrous consequences because of a small child's inability to understand that the match they had just lit is the same match that caused the fire that destroyed the house.

The Agawam Fire Department suggests that if you have small children in the home, keep matches and cigarette lighters up high, out of their reach.

As children begin to understand cause and effect, teach them that matches are a tool and should be used only by adults or under adult supervision.

Teach children that, if another child has matches, they should get away from the child and warn an adult so that an accidental fire will not occur and the child will be prevented from getting burned.

For further information, contact the Agawam Fire Department at 786-2662.

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Please visit our Web Site at: www.state.ma.us/treasury

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School Administrators And School Committee Members To Discuss Honors Courses At AHS

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

Next week a committee of school administrators and School Committee members will meet to continue the discussion on honors courses at Agawam High School.

The meeting, which is open to the public, will be held on Wednesday, April 15th, at 2:30 p.m., in the superintendent's office.

At the request of School Superintendent Frank Ameruso, the committee has been looking at the program of studies at the High School to determine if the needs of all students are being met by the courses offered, or if an honors program should be created for students willing to take on more challenging course work.

At last month's meeting, School Committee woman Linda Galarneau said it was misleading the public to suggest that there are no honors courses at the High School. Mrs. Galarneau said the Advanced Placement courses and the academically challenging Level II courses are honors courses.

"I want the public to know we do have honors courses and we always have," Mrs. Galarneau said. "We may not have them in every single department, but we do have them."

Weighted Courses

According to Director of Curriculum and Instruction Mary Czajkowski, both the Advanced Placement (AP) and Level II courses are "weighted" so that students earning scores of 84 or higher receive more academic credit for their work than in non-weighted courses.

For example, in an AP course, a raw score of 84 counts as a score of 94 after being multiplied by the weighting factor of .12; in Level II courses, the weighting factor is .05.

The weighting factor is used to determine rank in class, National Honor Society eligibility, honor roll, and Pro Merito graduation status. But, some school administrators are questioning the need to use a weighting factor and the criteria for including courses, particularly band and chorus, in the weighted levels.

In addition to questioning the criteria for including courses in Level II, Ameruso said he was concerned that high marks in Level II (weighted at .05) band, jazz band, and jazz chorus were inflating the grade point averages of students who may not have such high marks in academic areas.

Ms. Czajkowski questioned the validity of weighting advanced band, jazz band, and jazz chorus when compared to courses in other departments that are not weighted.

Deciding How To Define Honors Course

"We have to decide how we define an honors course," Ms. Czajkowski said. "If the Music Department thinks jazz chorus should be an honors course, they are going to have to identify what makes it a challenging course."

Currently, students may take AP courses in English, calculus, biology, chemistry, physics, European history, and US history. By taking a national standardized test, students may earn college credit, depending on their scores and the policies of the colleges. Level II courses are offered in math, science, world language, and visual and performing arts. Although the courses are open to all students, the AP courses are typically made up of juniors and seniors.

The committee is also considering a plan proposed by AHS Principal Joseph Zabielski to create honors courses for sophomores in English and world history beginning in September 1999, and adding an honors course in integrated science for sophomores the following year.

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— Agawam Obituaries —

Elmer L. Cascio

Elmer L. Cascio, 83, of 262 Meadow Street, Agawam, died at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield.

He and his brother, Thomas E., owned and ran Cascio Nursery & Landscaping Co. He was the town tree warden from 1952.

He was born in Boston, and was a graduate of Northeastern University.

He lived in Agawam for many years, and was a life member of the Unico Club, a past member of the Lions Club, and a member of the Elm-Belcher Masonic Lodge.

He also belonged to the Massachusetts Farm Bureau Association and the Massachusetts Tree Wardens Association.

Besides his brother, he leaves a son, Michael Joseph Cascio of El Paso, Texas; a stepson, Donald Cook of Agawam; a stepdaughter, Linda Cook of Dallas, Texas; four grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and nephews.

Another stepson, Richard Cook, died in 1991.

The funeral was held at Colonial-Forastiere Funeral Home, with the burial at St. Michael's Cemetery in Springfield.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Beautification Committee, Town Hall, 36 Main Street, Agawam, MA 01001.

Charles L. Dore

Charles L. Dore, 71, of 442 Silver Street, Agawam, a 25-year owner of Chuck's Auto Service, died at home.

He retired in 1984.

Born in Fairhaven, he lived in Ludlow and Springfield before coming to Agawam 33 years ago.

He was an Army Air Corps veteran of World War II and served with the 101st Airborne Division in the Screaming Eagles special service. He participated in the Battle of the Bulge and later in the Navy.

He worshipped at Sacred Heart Church in Feeding Hills.

He was a member of the Knights of Columbus, Gaspar Bertoni Lodge in Springfield, and the Agawam Senior Center.

He leaves his wife, Jeannette A. (Moccia) Dore; five sons, Carl C. and Charles L. Jr., both of West Springfield, Craig A. Sr. of Feeding Hills, Christopher J. Sr. of Chicopee, and Clark L. of Agawam; a daughter, Susan Lyons of West Virginia; a brother, Henry of Ludlow; two sisters, Mae Hicks of Ludlow and Catherine Placido of Framingham; 11 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

The funeral was held at Colonial-Forastiere Funeral Home of Agawam and in the church, with burial in Springfield Street Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Hospice of Pioneer Valley, 50 Maple Street, Springfield, MA 01105, or to the church at 1103 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA 01030.

Susan M. Campbell

Susan M. (Larivee) Campbell, 46, of 47 Sheri Lane, Feeding Hills, died at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield.

Born in Springfield, she lived in West Springfield before moving to Feeding Hills 20 years ago.

She leaves two sons, Robert L. 3rd and Ryan of Agawam; her mother, Doreen McColgan of West Yarmouth; three brothers, Warren Jr. of Florida, Michael of South Yarmouth, and Stephen of Longmeadow; and a sister, Sandra Kenefick of Longmeadow.

The funeral was held at West Springfield Curran-Jones Funeral Home and St. Mary's Church in Longmeadow. The burial was scheduled to take place at St. Thomas Cemetery in West Springfield.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Ryan Campbell Fund, United Cooperative Bank, in care of Nancy Whitehead, 95 Elm Street, West Springfield, MA 01089.

Sylvia B. Nelson

Sylvia B. (Bardwell) Nelson, 84, formerly of Chicopee, died at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield.

She was the former owner of KTC Electronics in Holyoke, and was the office manager for Field, Eddy & Buckley Insurance Co. in Springfield.

Born in Belchertown, she lived in Agawam before moving to Chicopee.

She attended the First Congregational Church in Agawam, and belonged to the Professional Businesswomen's Club.

She leaves a daughter, Karen Case of Camillus, New York; two granddaughters, Kimberly Kshyna of Syracuse, New York, and Charlene Case of Chicago, Illinois; and a great-granddaughter.

A private funeral was arranged, with burial at the convenience of the family in Pine Grove Cemetery at West Warren.

West Springfield Curran-Jones Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements, and memorial contributions may be made to the Shriners Hospital for Children, 516 Carew Street, Springfield, MA 01104.

Thomas L. Pemberton, Jr.

Thomas L. ("Mountain") Pemberton, Jr., 35, of 216 Pine View Circle, Agawam, died at home.

He worked for Roy's Towing Co. of Springfield, and was formerly a 13-year claims adjuster for that city's Massachusetts Mutual Co.

He also had been a bouncer and sound-stage worker at Infinity's Lounge and Riverside Amusement Park.

Born in Springfield, he was a 1980 graduate of Agawam High School, and Western New England College, where he received a bachelor's degree.

He leaves his mother and stepfather, Carol and Owen McCann of Agawam, and two brothers, Scott Pemberton of Agawam and David Pemberton of Avondale, Georgia.

The funeral was held at Colonial-Forastiere Funeral Home, with the burial at Hillcrest Park Cemetery in Springfield.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association, 1111 Elm Street, Suite 9a, or the Multiple Sclerosis Society, 425 Union Street, both of West Springfield, MA 01089.

Rose A. Tourville

Rose A. (Champagne) Tourville, 82, of 215 Bicentennial Highway, Springfield, and formerly of Indian Orchard and Agawam, died at Mercy Hospital in Springfield.

She was a 15-year seamstress at Cloth Cutters. Born in Wilbraham, she lived in Springfield and the Orchard for 62 years, and in Agawam for the past 20 years.

She was a communicant of St. Catherine of Siena Church.

Her husband, Ovila, died in 1949.

She leaves two sons, Donald N. of Springfield, and Ronald E. of Lake Helen, Florida; a daughter, Gloria J. Phillips of Westland, Michigan; six grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

The funeral was held at Ratell Funeral Home and the church, with the burial in St. Aloysius's Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Residents Fund, in care of Raymond Lapointe, Ring East Nursing Home, 215 Bicentennial Highway, Springfield, MA 01118.

Edie A. McLean

Edie A. (Yarmac) McLean, 56, of 56 Wilbert Terrace, Feeding Hills, died in Baystate Medical Center in Springfield.

She was the co-owner of Allen Lawnmower Company in Agawam and Enfield, Connecticut, having worked there since 1961.

Born in Southbridge, she moved to the

Agawam/Feeding Hills area in 1947, and was a 1959 graduate of Agawam High School.

She was a member of the First Baptist Church in West Springfield.

She leaves her husband, Donald I.; two daughters, Susan D. Alves of Agawam, and Kathy M. McLean of Feeding Hills; two brothers, Edward and James, both of Springfield; and two grandsons.

The funeral was held in the church, with burial in Springfield Street Cemetery. Agawam Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to the church, 337 Piper Road, West Springfield, MA 01089.

Gladys M. Seibert

Gladys M. ("Gigi") Conner Seibert, 88, formerly of Harwich Road, West Springfield, died at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield.

She was the former owner of the State Line Package Store in Agawam.

She was born in West Springfield, and was a communicant of St. John the Evangelist Church.

She belonged to the Deadline Gang, and was a Daughter of the American Revolution.

Her husband, Earl W. Seibert, who played for the Springfield Indians and National Hockey League teams, died in 1990.

She leaves a son, Oliver G. of Bridgewater, Vermont; a daughter, Marilyn Fenton of West Springfield; three grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

The funeral was held at Toomey-O'Brien Funeral Home and the church, with the burial in Agawam Center Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 53 Capital Drive, West Springfield, MA 01089, or the Pioneer Valley Hospice, 50 Maple Street, P.O. Box 9058, Springfield, MA.

Harry L. Leonardi

Harry L. Leonardi, 69, of 10 Vernon Avenue, Falmouth, the founder and 12-year owner of Cralo Co. of Agawam, died at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston.

He also was a long-time employee of Jecon Metals, Inc., of Springfield.

Born and schooled in Brooklyn, New York, he was a graduate of Springfield College, and received a master's degree from Westfield State College.

He served in the Air Force, and was a football coach at Agawam High School.

He was also a member of the Elks Lodge and the Airline Pilots Association.

He leaves his wife, Peggy A. (Ferrier) Leonardi; a son, Dr. Craig of St. Louis, Missouri; a daughter, Lois Ann Romagnoli of Watertown; a sister, Pauline Klein of Long Island, New York; and four granddaughters.

A graveside service was held at Island Pond Cemetery in Ludlow, and Colonial-Forastiere Funeral Home of Agawam was in charge of the arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Harry and Margaret Leonardi Scholarship Fund, Springfield College, 263 Alden Street, Springfield, MA 01109.

Ernest R. Tetreault

Ernest R. Tetreault, 57, of 23 Lexington Street, Agawam, died at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield.

He was a 27-year purchaser for Kaman Aerospace Corp. in Bloomfield, Connecticut.

Born in Franklin, New Hampshire, he was a 1958 Springfield Technical High School graduate, and a Navy veteran of the 1962 Cuban Missile Crisis.

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He moved to Agawam in 1966, and was president of the Agawam Athletic Association.

He organized a softball team for Agawam's Parks and Recreation Department League for many years, and played in the Over-40 League.

He leaves his wife, the former Judith I. Robinson; three sons, Steven of Springfield, Brian of East Longmeadow, and Glen of Mobile, Alabama; a daughter, Sharon Reyome of Westfield; his parents, Ernest W. and Rita (Blais) Tetreault of Springfield; two brothers, Richard of Springdale, Pennsylvania, and Kenneth of Newark, New Jersey; two sisters, Barbara Devino of Springfield, and Delores Kaddy of Westfield; and 10 grandchildren.

The funeral was held at Agawam Curran-Jones Funeral Home, with the burial to be scheduled in the Agawam Veterans' Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Ernest R. Tetreault Wrestling Scholarship, in care of Gerald Smith, Agawam High School, 760 Cooper Street, Agawam, MA 01001.

Agawam Library To Host April 23rd Tea To Honor Volunteers

As National Library Week and National Volunteer Week converge during the week of April 19th-25th, the Agawam Library will be holding a tea to celebrate the library and honor its volunteers.

The public is invited to come to the library on Thursday, April 23rd from 4:00-6:00 p.m. for cookies and conversation with members of the community. Longtime users of library services as well as those curious about what the library offers are all welcome to the tea.

Dedicated library aficionados will want to take the opportunity to thank the volunteers who give generously of their time and contribute so much to the library's ongoing services.

Those less familiar with the library are encouraged to combine refreshment with browsing among the books, videos, CDs, magazines, and books on tape available to them. People who haven't been in the library recently might be surprised at all the library offers for enriching their leisure time free of charge.

In combination with the tea, the library will be raffling off a copy of Helen Vendler's recent book, *The Art of Shakespeare's Sonnets*. Published in November, the book includes the author's reading of the sonnets on CD.

Each of Shakespeare's sonnets is also printed and analyzed by Vendler, who is hailed as the finest close reader of poetry now living. The raffle is free and open to anyone visiting the library during the month of April.

The drawing will be held during the tea on April 23rd, but entrants need not be present to win.

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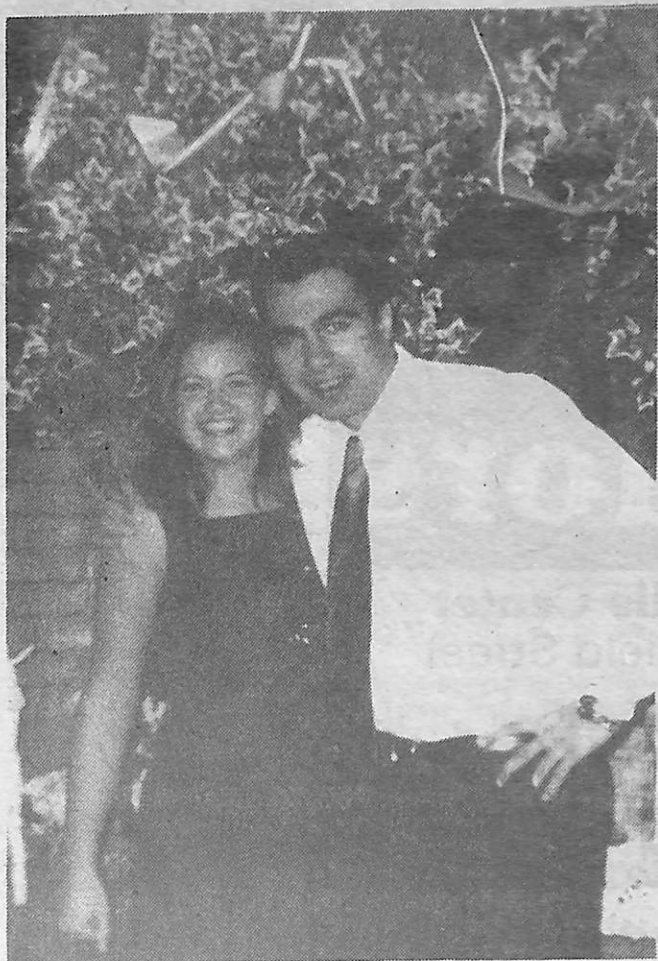
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ANNE LACIENSKI AND DINIS JABLONSKI

Anne Lacienski Is Engaged To Wed Dinis Jablonski

Dan and Lee Lacienski of Feeding Hills are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Anne Lacienski, to Dinis Jablonski of Ludlow.

The bride-to-be is a 1993 graduate of Agawam High School and is currently employed by Home Depot of Enfield.

The future groom, son of Henry and Rose Jablonski of Ludlow, is a 1990 graduate of Ludlow High School. A 1994 graduate of Western New England College, Dinis is a marketing specialist for Atlas Copco, Holyoke.

A May 1999 wedding is planned.

AFS Students Speak At Meeting Of Ag. Junior Women's Club

On Tuesday, March 17th, four AFS students spoke to the Junior Women about life in their country. We were very interested in the types of educational institutions, modes of public transportation, and social programs that exist in the homelands of these students.

For example, Camilla C. Brodahl Ringvold from Norway explained that in her country one must apply to a high school. Students pick a high school that prepares them for the career path that they wish to take. Unlike in the U.S., where sports are offered in school, in Norway, to play a sport one must join a private club.

She went on to explain that in Norway there is more available public transportation. She observed, in the states, everyone is totally dependent on their own automobile. Holidays are exceptionally grand in Norway. This is when everyone dresses up in holiday costumes.

The next to speak was Raffin Maneechayang-koon from Thailand. He was quite charming as he explained about Thailand's beautiful beaches. He explained that Thailand's government is patterned after the English Parliament. There are two seasons in Thailand, summer and rain. Public schools are everywhere and students must wear pressed uniforms. Food in Thailand is hotter than in the states. It was suggested he try the Tai Kitchen in Northampton if he should get homesick.

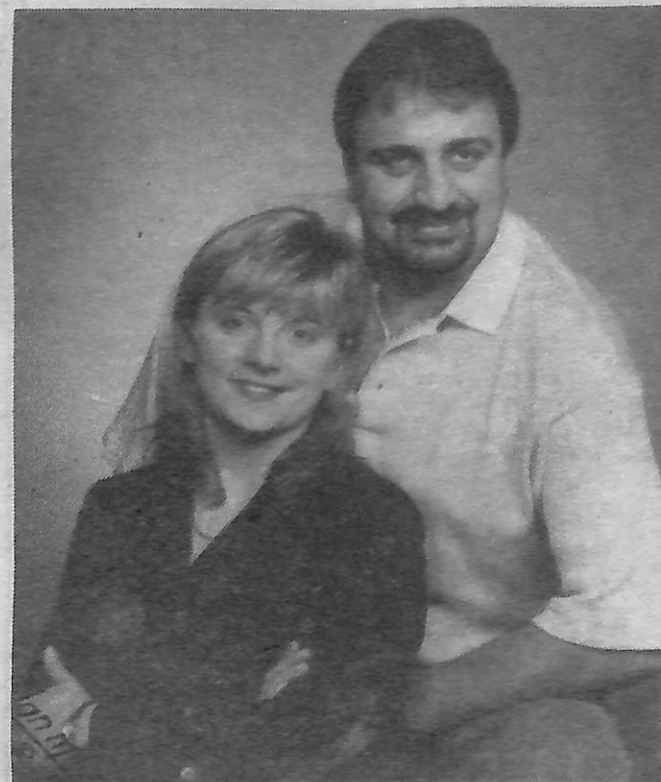
Wendy Ganzaes from Bolivia explained that she goes to a private school where they also wear pressed uniforms. Every day students have a different schedule and they carry 12 subjects a semester. In comparison, our schools in the states maintain the same schedule every day. Wendy lives near the highest lake in Bolivia and finds the public transportation better in South America.

Last, Simon Tryberg from Sweden came to our club and shared with the group not only his sense of humor but information on his country. Education in Sweden is free, from early childhood through college. If a youngster wishes to play sports, again, they must join a club.

If they cannot excel, they are dismissed. Simon, as well as the other AFS students, prefer the Physical Education and sports associations that the U.S. offers. In Sweden, education is free, health care is free, but taxes are higher. His people also dress for holidays in native costumes. Much of Sweden's labor force works in the forest. Lumber is exported throughout Europe from Sweden.

Every year the Junior Women welcome the AFS students to remind themselves that it's a big world out there and we must all do all we can to reach out and touch our neighbors from across the sea and south of the Equator.

The Agawam Junior Women's Club is a member of the GFWC and the GFWC of Massachusetts.



JENNIFER COOK AND AGOSTINO DEMAIO

Jennifer Cook To Marry Agostino DeMaio This August

Jennifer Cook of Westfield and Agostino "Frank" DeMaio are engaged to be married.

The bride-to-be, a graduate of Westfield High School and MCDI, is office manager for GA Communications and Account Representative for TransMedia in Springfield.

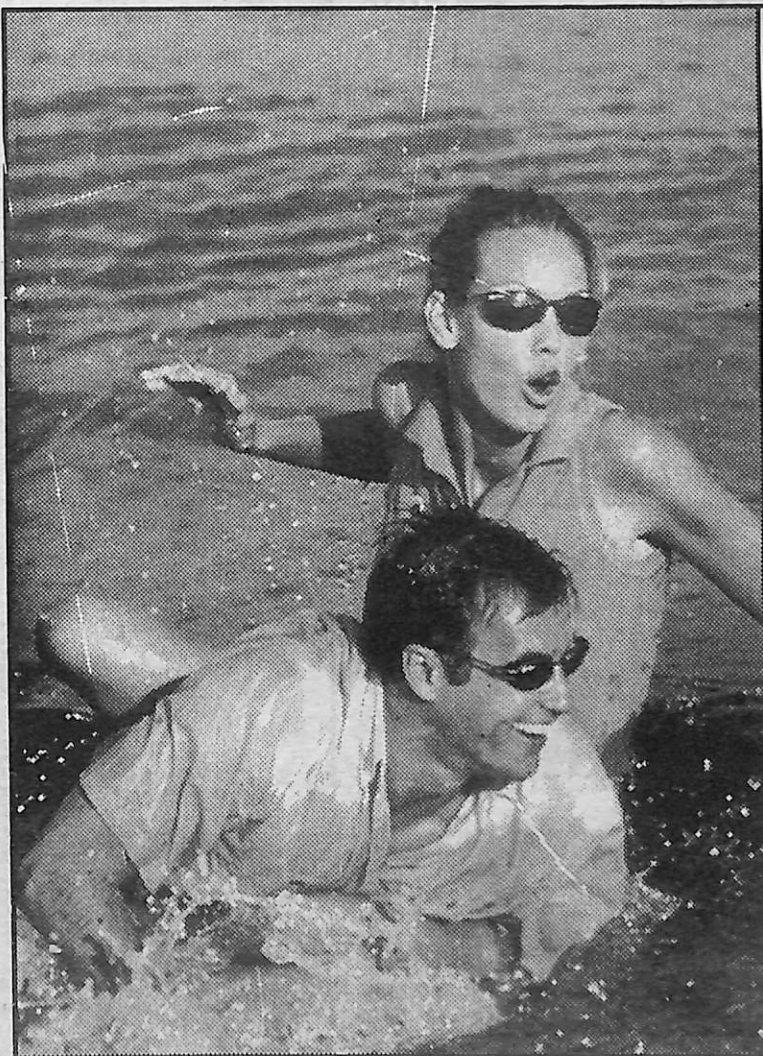
Mr. DeMaio is a graduate of Agawam High School and Western New England College and owner and auto mechanic at Frank's Auto Repair, West Springfield.

Parents of the future bride are Chester and Kathlyn Cook of Westfield and Phyllis and David Ross, also of Westfield.

Francesco and Filomena DaMaio, 130 Line Street, Agawam are the parents of the future groom.

An August 8, 1998 wedding is planned at Sacred Heart Church in Holyoke.

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Agawam Garden Club To Hold Next Meeting On Tuesday, April 14th

Nancy Denig of Northampton, a landscape architect, will give a slide presentation entitled "A View From the Window" at the Tuesday, April 14th meeting of the Agawam Garden Club, which will begin at 7:30 p.m. at the Captain Leonard House, Main Street, Agawam.

Nancy will show slides and discuss planting and gardens from the perspective of the view from the house and from the entrance to the property.

Anyone interested may attend for a \$1 fee, and there will be refreshments.

(FROM THE EDITOR: In last week's edition of *The AAN*, the date of the Agawam Garden Club's next meeting was incorrectly printed as April 21st. The club apologizes for this error.)

"Spring Supper" Slated For April 17th At Spfld. Turnverein

The Springfield Turnverein of Agawam, located at 176 Garden Street in Feeding Hills, will present a "Spring Supper" on Friday, April 17th, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

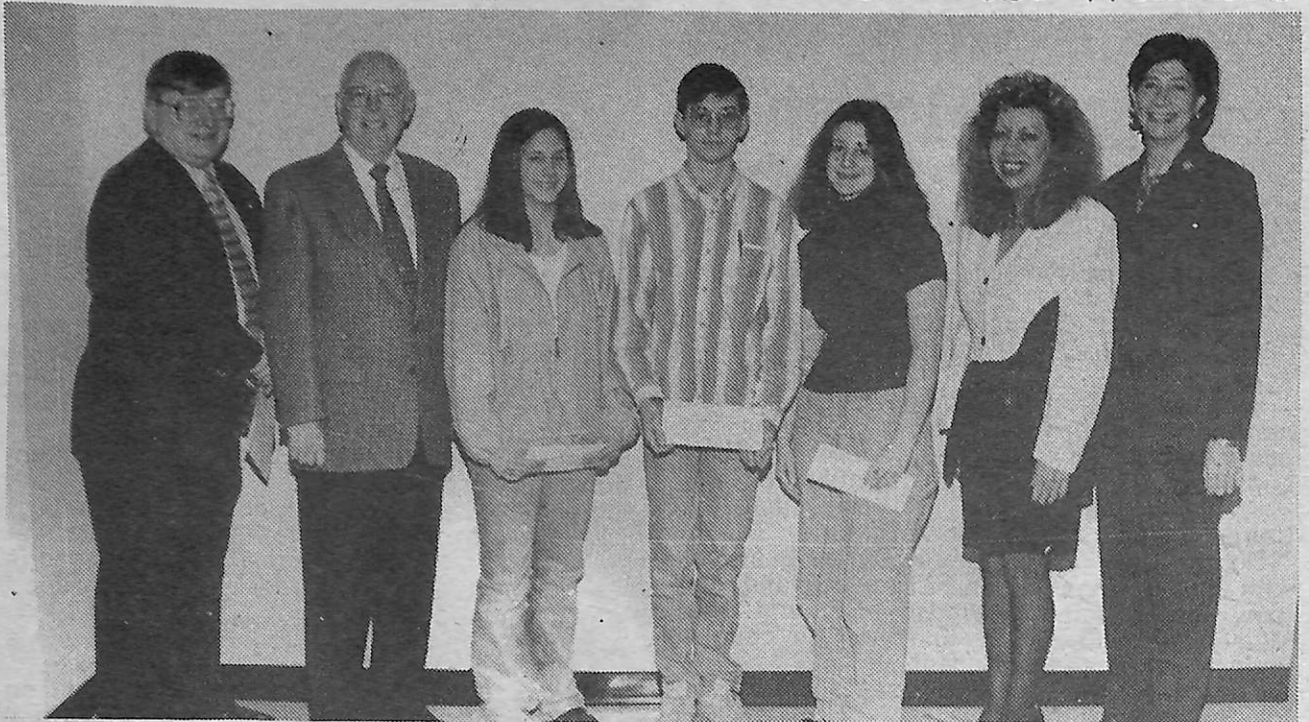
The menu will consist of Kassler Rippchen (smoked pork chops), mashed potatoes, sauerkraut, salad, coffee, and homemade desserts.

The donation is \$8 for adults, and \$4 for children under 12 years of age. Reservations may be made by calling Christa at 786-0143 or the Club at 786-0924 by April 15th.

Following dinner, there will be the showing of a film taken by the late Peter Nothdurft. All former members and friends are invited to join us for an evening of reliving past memories.

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S.A.L.T. Announces Poster Contest Winners



ON FRIDAY, MARCH 27TH, three Junior High students from Feeding Hills received Westfield Bank savings bonds for winning the Agawam S.A.L.T. (Seniors and Law Enforcement Officials Together) Council's poster contest. From left to right: Rev. Curt Fuller (S.A.L.T. Council), Oliver Muldrew (S.A.L.T. Council), Jackie Bennett (first prize winner - \$100), Nathan Krach (second prize winner - \$50), Kathleen Demetron (third prize winner - \$50), Donna Kennedy (Branch Manager of Westfield Bank in Agawam), and Roz Canter. (Other participants in the poster contest included Nicholas Vooys, Brian Michel, Chris Polek, Alyson Skok, Kerri Fruwirth, Ashlee Montessi, and Jeff Zucco.) Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Dan Walker At United States Air Force Military Police School

Dan Walker, the son of Dianne McLeod of Feeding Hills and Stan Walker of Topsham, Maine, has enlisted in the United States Air Force.

He departed on April 8th for Lackland Air Force Base, Texas to begin basic training and attend school to become a Security Specialist with the Military Police.

Walker is a 1997 graduate of Agawam High School.

Coverlets From Ag. Lioness Club Now Come In Two Colors

The Agawam Lioness Coverlet Sale has been a great fundraiser for the organization. Besides the green color, which has been a good seller, the club now has maroon, which is a very attractive color.

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Elizabeth K. Minardi Becomes Bride Of R. Scott Moquin

Elizabeth K. Minardi, daughter of Ralph L. Minardi of Agawam and Karen E. Barber of Kissimmee, Florida, exchanged wedding vows on September 6, 1997 with R. Scott Moquin.

Parents of the groom are Ronald and Sandy Moquin of Chicopee.

The wedding ceremony took place at Valley Community Church with Pastor Steve Dennehy officiating.

Kristine Bronson of Feeding Hills served as maid of honor. The bridesmaids were Dierdra Klepper of Latham, New York, Mrs. Nichole Moquin of Ludlow, and Terry Mersereau of Enfield, CT.

Kristina Skiba was the junior bridesmaid and Katherine Skiba was the flower girl.

Robert Alves of Agawam served as best man, with Joseph Beauchemin of Rhode Island, Matthew Beauchemin of Windsor, CT, and Steve Mersereau of Enfield as ushers. The couple's ringbearer was Kasey Vincent.

The reception was held at East Mountain Country Club in Westfield.

The couple currently reside in Springfield and are expecting their first child in September 1998.



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Ag. Senior Center's Weekly Lunch Menu

Monday, April 13th: Beef stew (potatoes, carrots, onions, peas and celery), tossed salad, biscuit, fresh orange.

Tuesday, April 14th: Shake & Bake chicken, oven fries, corn, whole wheat bread, lemon pudding.

Wednesday, April 15th: Meatloaf with onion gravy, ranch mashed potatoes, peas and onions, rye bread, cookies.

Thursday, April 16th: Pork cutlet with gravy, potato au gratin, stewed tomatoes, whole wheat bread, pineapple.

Friday, April 17th: Baked fish, rice Pilaf, spinach, rye bread, plums.

(Menu subject to change without notice.)

Springfield Italian Women's Club To Host Fashion Show

The Springfield Italian Women's Club will host its Annual Fashion Show on Sunday, April 26th at Chez Josef, Shoemaker Lane, Agawam.

Fashions are by Cohoes with a luncheon, door prizes, and raffles.

Proceeds will benefit the local scholarship fund presented by the club. Cost for adults is \$21 for adults and \$11 for children 12 and under.

For tickets, contact Patricia Camerota at (413) 567-8313.

Women's Club To Sponsor Fashion Show Wednesday, Apr. 29th

The Catholic Women's Club of Agawam will sponsor a Spring fashion show on Wednesday, April 29th at St. John's Hall.

Fashions are by Talbot's of Longmeadow. The doors will open at 7:00 p.m., and wine, cheese, and crackers will be served at that time. Refreshments will be served and there will be door and raffle prizes.

Cost of tickets is \$8 and may be purchased from any member of the Committee or at St. John's Parish Office. Models will be members of the Catholic Women's Club.

The chairpersons for this event are Paula Raiche and Lillian Doyle.

"Friends" Of The Senior Ctr. To Host Pancake Breakfast

The "Friends" of the Agawam Senior Center are holding a Pancake Breakfast at the Agawam Senior Center on Sunday, April 19th.

Servings will be from 8:00 a.m.-12:00 noon. Tickets are \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for children under 10. Members of the Lions Club will be making and serving the pancakes and sausages.

Tickets are available from any board member of "Friends" or at the desk at the Senior Center. Board members of "Friends" will be serving. All are welcome.

This is a fundraiser for "Friends," which is looking to build up its treasury after the donation to the Senior Center to pay for all the carpeting at the Center.

Italian Women's Club To Meet On April 20th

The April 20th meeting of the Springfield Italian Women's Club will be held at The Cafe at Joshuas, Route 5, Holyoke.

The meetings are open to all women of Italian heritage (either born Italian or married to an Italian).

For more information, call Gisella at 413-736-4461 or Teresa at 413-736-2361.

Dinner will be served promptly at 6:30 p.m.



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“New” Members Of The Polish American Club...



THE POLISH AMERICAN CLUB OF AGAWAM would like to announce that the ladies of the club's Women's Auxiliary are now members of the men's club. What's more, all women from Agawam and Feeding Hills are cordially invited to join the Polish American Club. IN LEFT PHOTO: Ken Kubik (center) with Rosemary Kusiak and Lorraine Labun at the club, located at 139 Southwick Street. IN RIGHT PHOTO: Ken Kubik, Janice Barako, Carol Rivera, Beverly Binnenkade, Helen Kisieleski, and Ed Barako (membership chairman of the club). Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

NOTICE TO COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS: When you're "identifying" photos taken by Jack Devine for publication in *The AAN*, please provide as much information as possible (names of those in photo, date, location, name of organization, etc.). This way, the chance for error and misidentification is greatly reduced. Thank you for your cooperation!

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PERRY MCCOBB, President of Agawam Golden Age Club, Chapter 2, with Rita Matys (Recording Secretary) and Ernest Swanson (retiring Treasurer). Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Installation Banquet Held By Golden Age Club, Chapter 2

The Annual Banquet and installation of officers of Agawam Golden Age Club, Chapter 2, was held at the Oaks Banquet House, Suffield Street, Agawam, on Wednesday, April 1st.

President Perry McCobb and his wife, Rose, greeted the happy, festive guests to the club's Social Hour at 11:00 a.m. in the attractive Banquet Hall. Snacks of crackers, cheese, and liquid refreshment were enjoyed until the magic hour of 12:00 noon.

President McCobb led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and he called Club Chaplain Leane Dion to the podium to give a brief prayer. Excellent dinners of prime rib of beef, stuffed breast of capon, and tasty baked scrod were served promptly by the skillful Oaks waiters.

Harry and Betty Durant handled the installation of officers, charging each officer with individual duties. The following persons were installed:

President, Perry McCobb; Vice-President, Edward Grimes; Treasurer, James Birchall; Recording Secretary, Rita Matys; Corresponding Secretary, Barbara Kupec; and Chaplain, Leane Dion.

Each officer was pinned with a badge and was marched across the banquet hall by Betty Durant to the music played by the talented Eleanor Toussaint. Floral corsages were worn by the women officers, and carnations were worn by the men.

Harry Durant presented the gavel to President Perry McCobb as the final act of installation after the entire audience of senior gave McCobb a standing ovation.

The Banquet Committee received special thanks from President McCobb as follows:

Ticket Sales, Barbara Sherry and Rose McCobb; Table Seating, Edward Grimes; Music Program, Virginia Lake; Card Punches, Mary Spinelli; Installing Team, Harry and Betty Durant; and Music, Eleanor Toussaint. The Site Selection and Menu were handled by Perry and Rose McCobb.



MEMBERS OF THE BANQUET COMMITTEE for Agawam Golden Age Club, Chapter 2 (from left to right): Harry and Betty Durant, Installing Team; Mary Spinelli, Card Punches; Barbara Sherry, Ticket Sales; Rose McCobb, Site Selection and Menu; and Virginia Lake, Music Program. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



THE NEWLY-INSTALLED OFFICERS of Agawam Golden Age Club, Chapter 2 (from left to right): Ed Grimes, Vice-President; Perry McCobb, President; Rita Matys, Recording Secretary; Lee Dion, Chaplain; Barbara Kupec, Corresponding Secretary; and Jim Birchall, Treasurer. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

President McCobb called retiring treasurer Ernest Swanson to the podium and presented him with a beautiful, black walnut plaque inscribed as follows: "In Appreciation To Ernest Swanson For Devoted Service 1986-1998 As Treasurer Of Agawam Golden Age Club, Chapter 2 - April 1, 1998."

Club Secretary Rita Matys then came forward and gave Swanson an attractive card of thanks signed by 132 Golden Age Club members, together with a money gift.

Ernest Swanson was delighted with the thoughtful gifts. He thanked all the club members for their kindness, and he promised to continue as an active worker to benefit the club. He complimented the club members on their choice of James Birchall as newly-installed Treasurer.

Program Chairperson Virginia Lake introduced Frank Jackson and the Cameo Club of talented vocalists and entertainers, which included our gifted singer Jessie Rivers. "God Bless America" was chosen as the final musical selection sung by 170 enthusiastic, cheering, and grateful seniors.



"The weather has been all over the place these past couple of weeks, so if you need some reassurance that Spring is indeed finally here, stop by the farm this weekend. Our greenhouse is now open with a beautiful selection of Easter lilies, tulips, daffodils, hyacinths, mini-roses, pansies, gift baskets, and a greenhouse full of other goodies. We look forward to seeing you!"

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Hello, "Lucky"!!!



LINDA KING (left), a.k.a. "Lucky the Leprechaun," recently visited with Deborah Reavey at Heritage Hall's East Building. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



PREPARING FOR THE second Annual Car Show and Picnic in memory of Mark Chapman: back row - Donald Keinath, Dan Sullivan, John C. McLaughlin, and Richard Chapman; front row - P.J. Mason, Ray Brown, Ed Coffey, and Tom Korman. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Mark Chapman Car Show And Picnic Is Scheduled For Sunday, June 7th

Friends, neighbors, and members of the Hampden County Sheriff's Department gathered at the Agawam/West Springfield Elks Lodge to organize the second Annual Car Show and Picnic to be held in memory of Correctional Officer Mark Chapman, Sunday, June 7th.

The proceeds from this show and picnic go to the benefit of Mark's daughters, Nicole (15) and Megan (7), and to scholarships to Agawam, Cathedral, and Enrico Fermi High Schools.

This event will be held at the Agawam/West Springfield Elks Lodge on Morgan Road, West Springfield on June 7th from 12:00 noon-8:00 p.m. There will be pony rides, a bounce house, raffles, DJs, and games for the children.

Tickets for the Car Show and Picnic are \$10 per person. Children 12 and under are free. For information and tickets, contact Ed Coffey, 47 South Florida Drive, Agawam (413-789-0189).

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Boneless Top Round London Broil	\$2.49 Lb.
Beef Round Stew	
Beef	\$2.69 Lb.
Top Round Cube Steak	\$2.89 Lb.
Fresh Ground Round	
5 Lbs. Or More	\$2.49 Lb.
10 Lbs. Or More	\$1.99 Lb.
Boneless Rib Eye Steak	\$4.99 Lb.
Boneless Club Steak	\$5.29 Lb.
Fresh Ground Chuck	
5 Lbs. Or More	\$1.69 Lb.
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Pancake Breakfast At Springfield Turnverein...



ON SATURDAY, MARCH 28TH, the Springfield Turnverein hosted a pancake breakfast and featured a visit by the Easter Bunny. IN LEFT PHOTO: Kyle Levere "flipped" over his kitchen duties; IN CENTER PHOTO: Marty Lehberger truly enjoyed his pancakes; IN RIGHT PHOTO: The Easter Bunny with Marissa Jungmann, Brian Muldrew, Kassie Jungmann, and Brandon Hills. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

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MARIANNE CAMPBELL (far left), president of the Agawam Lioness Club, presents a check for \$200 to Wesley Bradford, treasurer of the Agawam Historical Association, for the Agawam Historical and Fire House Museum Fund. Looking on are Ann Mary Bradford (archivist for the Historical Association) and Carol A. Miller (the association's assistant treasurer). Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Lioness Club Donates \$200 To Historical & Fire House Museum

The Agawam Lioness Club continued its tradition of actively supporting projects deemed worthy and of importance by donating \$200 to the Agawam Historical and Fire House Museum Fund.

Mrs. Marianne Campbell, president of the Agawam Lioness Club, recently presented a check for that amount to Wesley Bradford, treasurer of the Agawam Historical Association.

In making the presentation, Mrs. Campbell stated that the Lioness Club is pleased to help restore the retired Elm Street fire station into a museum that will preserve the heritage of our wonderful town. She also observed, as have many members of the Lioness Club, that Agawam is perhaps the only city in the area lacking a place where individuals can go to learn more about the town in which they reside.

This museum will allow young and old alike to know, appreciate, and love the heritage of Agawam. Too much has been lost. The longer the delay, the more that will vanish forever.

Mr. Bradford acknowledged that while fundraising has been slow and tedious, construction of an addition to accommodate an elevator is in the not-too-distant future. He also remarked that the original goal of \$30,000 has passed \$20,000 and is a bare minimum that will merely allow for opening the doors. Anything of an historical nature, past, present, or future, is needed.

CORRECTION: In last week's edition of *The AAN* (dated April 2, 1998), we omitted the fact that the Agawam Women's Club was the organization that sponsored the March 21st craft fair at Agawam Baptist Church. We apologize to the Agawam's Women's Club for this omission.

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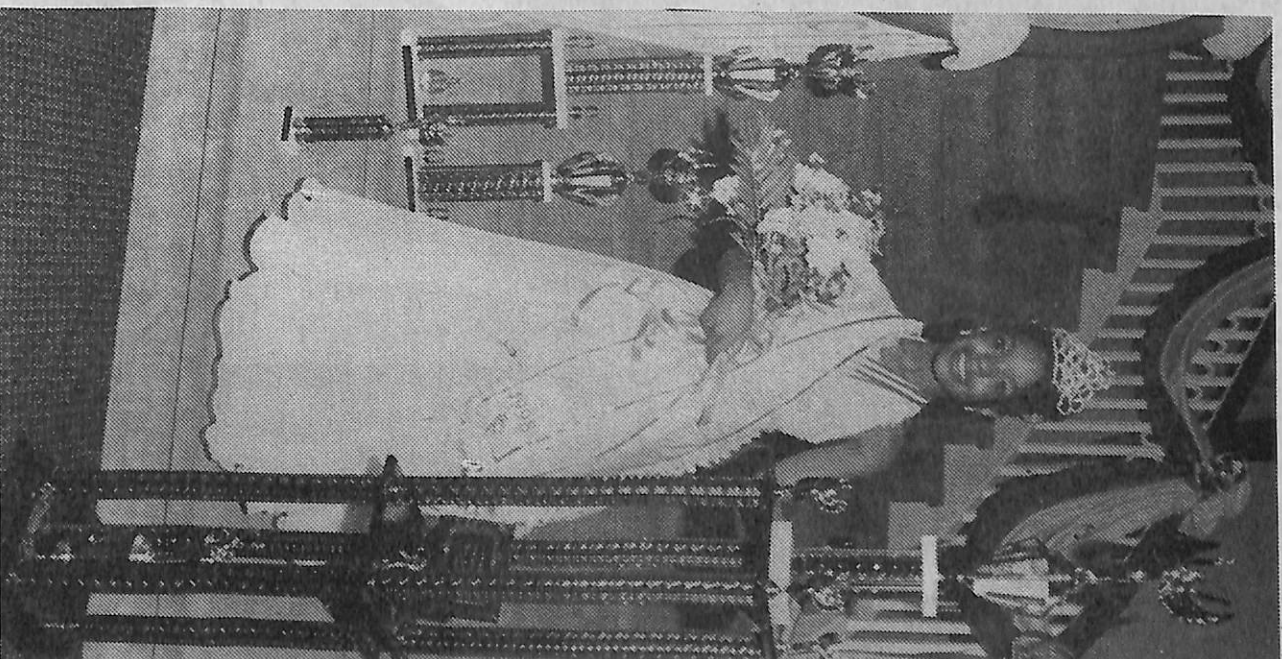
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The 1998 'Miss Agawam' Beauty Pageant...



PAGEANT WINNERS: back row - Jasmine Jamieson (Miss Agawam) and Sarah Mitchell (Teen); front row - Egypt Dunbar (Junior), Mari Leclerc (Tiny Miss), and Erin Gormley (Pre-Teen). Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



EGYPT DUNBAR, the 1998 'Junior Miss Agawam,' was also the 'Overall Supreme Queen' (the highest point scorer) at this year's pageant, which was held on March 31st at Chez Josef in Agawam. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



THE TALENT WINNERS of the 1998 'Miss Agawam' Pageant: back row - Sheree Cardin (Miss Division) and Sarah Mitchell (Teen); front row - Ashley Williams (Junior) and Erin Gormley (Pre-Teen). Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



USHERS AND HOSTESSES for the 1998 'Miss Agawam' Pageant: back row - Brian Michel, Norm Gagne, Mike Aloisi, and Bill Menard; front row - Lauren Gagne, Jill Nunziato, and Ashley Boyle. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



THE 1998 PHOTOGENIC WINNERS: back row - Sheree Cardin (Miss Division); front row - Melissa Perry (Teen), Egypt Dunbar (Junior), Ashley King (Tiny Miss), and Nicole Woszczyzna (Pre-Teen). Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Church News

Spring Festival To Be Held April 25th At Ag. Congregational

Come and join in the celebration of springtime at the Spring Festival on April 25th from 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. at the Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main Street, Agawam.

There will be a Garden Gate Shop featuring plants and a variety of supplies for your spring gardening. Homebaked goodies will be available at the Nutmeg Bakery. The Candy Cupboard will offer homemade candies.

A wonderful collection of handcrafted delights awaits you at the Corner Gift Shop. Select some new items for your wardrobe; clothes from area boutiques and high quality pre-owned clothing will be displayed for sale in the Friendship Room for men, women, and children.

The young adults will offer some special creations. Visit the Attic Treasures booth for surprises and bargains.

The Daffodil Lunch Cafe will be open from 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., serving a seafood salad plate or a ham and pickle salad plate, each with roll and chips or choose soup and 1/2 sandwich. Dessert will be fruit pie tarts or fresh fruit accompanied by tea or coffee. Cost will be \$4.50, including drink and dessert.

There will be an exciting raffle that will appeal to all generations.

Valley Community Church Slates Good Friday Bake Sale

Do you get discouraged during the holiday season because there just doesn't seem to be enough time to do all that has to be done? Do unexpected visitors drop by and cause you to panic because you haven't yet started doing your Easter baking? Well, you can utter a sigh of relief and slow down a bit, for we have an answer for you.

The Ladies Club at Valley Community Church has once again enlisted the aid of all the great bakers of the church to help fill their tables at the annual Good Friday Bake Sale. Holiday recipes as well as holiday craft ideas are being discussed, shared, and anticipated as church members prepare for the Bake Sale.

The Bake Sale will be held on Good Friday, April 10th, at Ames Department Store on Springfield Street from 10:00 a.m. until everything is sold. Food items will be arriving throughout the day, so plan to stop by and pick up a homemade, scrumptious, yummy, and luscious dessert item for your holiday table. Then relax and enjoy the holiday!



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First Baptist To Celebrate Easter

A special service celebrating the resurrection of Jesus Christ will be held at 9:30 a.m. this Sunday morning at the First Baptist Church, corner of Elm and Main Streets. Visitors are most welcome to attend.

Pastor Richard Barnes will speak on "The Difference In My Life," using as his scriptural text Acts 10: 34-43. Special Easter anthems will be offered by the choir, under the direction of Scott Thomson.

Marisa McLaughlin will lead the responsive reading; greeters will be Bea Nowill and Joyce, Danny, and Cori Geiger.

A social hour will follow worship in Davis Hall.

Coming up this week:

Monday, April 13th: 7:30 p.m., Word Search Bible Study.

Tuesday, April 14th: 10:00 a.m., Searchlighters Bible Study; 1:15 p.m., EZ Does It Aerobics Class; 7:00 p.m., Junior Youth Group; 7:00 p.m., Divorce Recovery Seminar; 7:00 p.m., Missions Committee.

Wednesday, April 15th: 7:15 a.m., Mid-Week Prayer Time; 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Trading Post Open.

Thursday, April 16th: 10:00 a.m., Bell Ringers Rehearsal; 1:15 p.m., EZ Does It Aerobics Class; 7:00 p.m., Caring Connection; 7:30 p.m., Choir Rehearsal.

On Sunday, April 19th, we will have our annual Family Night celebration! It will begin with a covered dish supper — bring a hot dish or salad. The supper is followed by entertainment furnished by members and friends.

If you want to participate, contact Steve Bailey, Chairperson, tel. 739-8766, or call the church office, 786-7300.

Caring Connection contacts for the month of April are Sharon and Doug Grabowski, (860) 668-0450.

— ADVERTISER NEWS —

Novi Cantori Announces Spring Concert Schedule

The choral ensemble Novi Cantori, directed by Allan Taylor of Feeding Hills, has announced its spring concert schedule:

April 19th - 4:00 p.m., Second Congregational Church, Westfield.

April 26th - 4:00 p.m., United Congregational Church, Holyoke.

May 3rd - 4:00 p.m., Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Ware.

Director Taylor has chosen a varied program which features music from the golden age of English Cathedrals by Tomkins, Gibbons, Weelkes, and Purcell. The major work will be Benjamin Britten's *Hymn to Saint Cecilia*, with Sudie Marcuse Blatz as soloist.

There will also be several French chansons, love songs and spirituals, and a solo organ work performed by Carol Spinelli. All programs are free.

Novi Cantori is a professional concert choir of 18 voices. Director Taylor is the Minister of Music at the First Congregational Church in Westfield, where he directs an extensive music program.

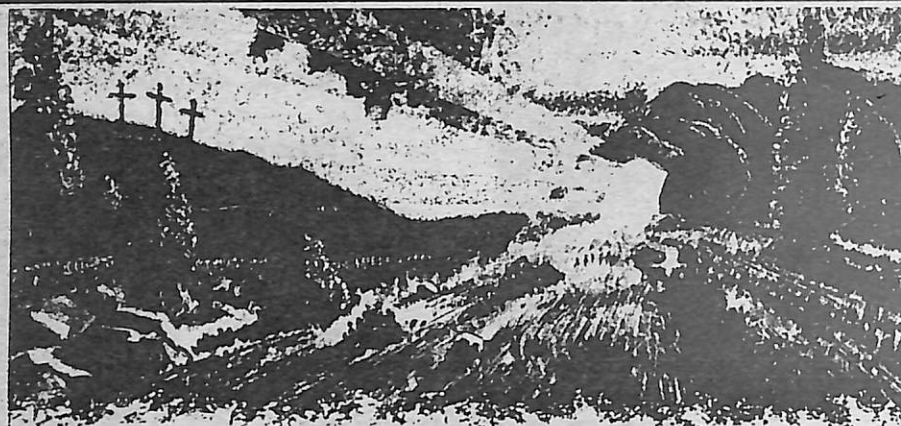
He is also Music Director of the Greater Westfield Choral Association. In addition to his conducting duties, he performs frequently on organ, piano, and harpsichord, and teaches privately.

Roast Beef Dinner At Agawam United Methodist Church

The Agawam United Methodist Church will host a Roast Beef Dinner on Saturday, April 18th at 5:00 p.m.

Donation is \$7, \$6 for seniors, and \$3 for children under 12 years.

For a reserved seat, call 786-3261 and leave a message.



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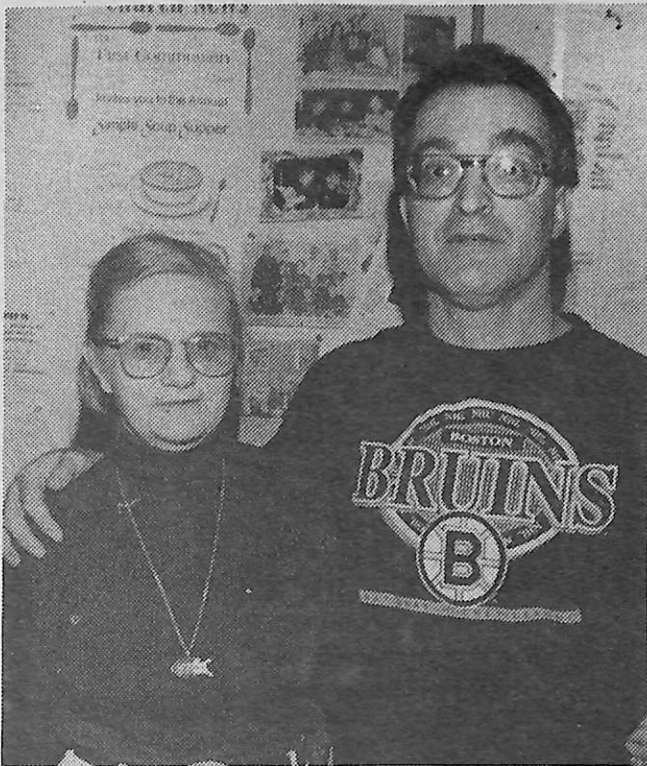
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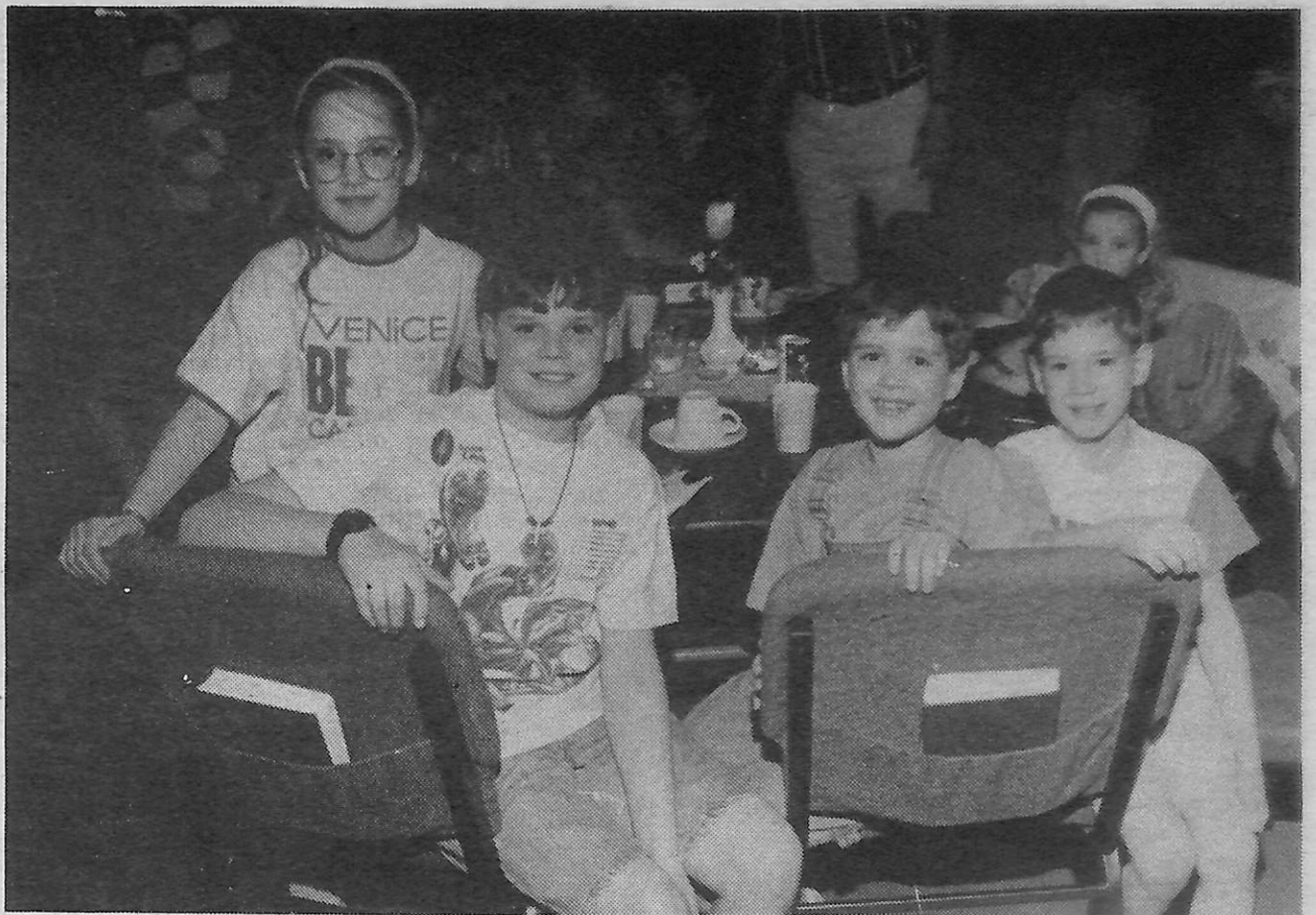


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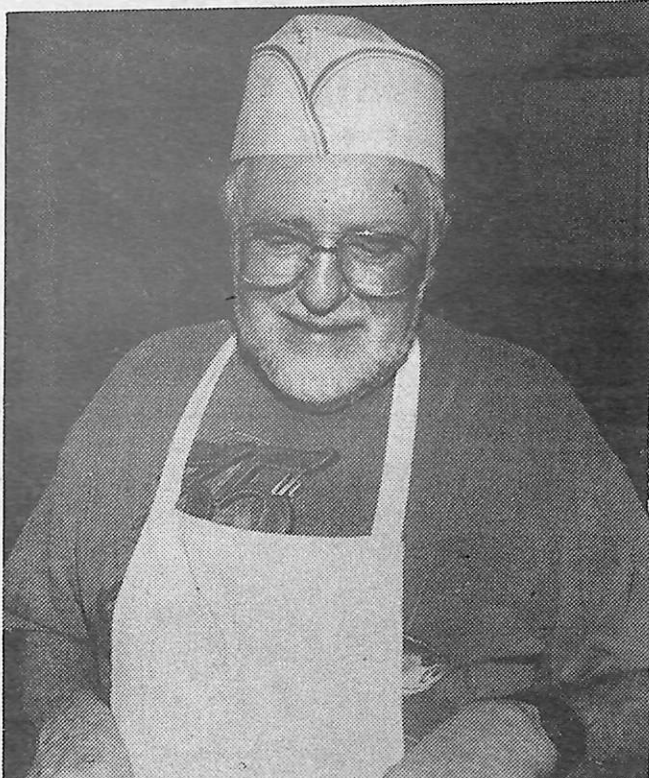
Pot Roast Dinner At St. David's Church...



KITCHEN VOLUNTEERS at St. David's included Dot Morin and Jim Lemarier (above) and Ken Barrepski (below). Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



SOME OF THE YOUNGSTERS who were ready for their pot roast suppers at St. David's Church (from left to right): Jackie Van Etten, Ryan Hughes, Kyle Van Etten, and Kyle Hughes. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



Cantata To Be Presented At Agawam Congregational Church

On Sunday, April 19th, during the Worship Service at 10:30 a.m. at Agawam Congregational Church, the Sanctuary Choir will be presenting a Cantata entitled "Sound Story" under the direction of Ellen Cogen, Minister of Music.

Join us for this special musical performance.

Shoe Sale To Be Held At St. John's Social Center

A shoe sale will be held on Tuesday evening, April 14th, from 4:30 to 7:00 p.m. in the Social Center of St. John's Church. This semi-annual event is sponsored by St. John's Guild.

All women's shoes are \$12, and the public is invited.

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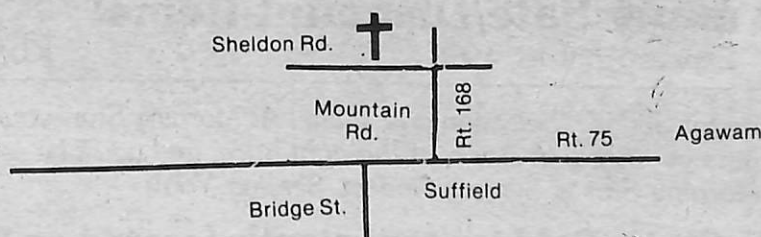
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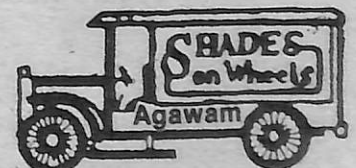
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Joyous Easter Celebrations Are Taking Place At Valley Community Church In Feeding Hills

The third annual Prayer Vigil begins on Good Friday at 3:00 p.m. at Valley Community Church. The goal of the original vigil was to have someone praying in the church at all times during a 24-hour period. The response was so great that the vigil has been extended from 3:00 p.m. on Good Friday until sunrise Easter morning.

Unity, involvement, and church growth are just a few of the ways prayers have been answered during this powerful vigil. There are still a few hours available to anyone in the church family who may want to sign up.

Call the church office at 786-2445 for specific time information.

Easter celebrations will begin early on Easter morning at Valley Community Church. We invite everyone in our community to dress warmly and rejoice in the Good News of Jesus's resurrection at the Sunrise Service, which begins at 6:00 a.m. this Sunday morning. We then invite everyone to return at 9:30 a.m. for the special Easter Service.

Pastor Steve Dennehy will be sharing his message from the gospel of John 20:1-18. The children will remain in the Sanctuary and enjoy Easter worship with their families.

There will be no Church School; however, nursery care will be provided if needed.

The Board of Administration will meet on Monday, April 13th, at 7:00 p.m. in Dunn Hall. All boards and committees are reminded that their Quarterly Reports are due at this time.

The Search Committee will meet on Tuesday, April 14th, at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Margie Secora.

Music will fill the air on Wednesday, April 15th, as both Junior and Senior Choirs meet for rehearsals.

The Junior Choir gathers at 6:15 p.m., and the Senior Choir meets at 7:00 p.m.

Cub Scout Troop 78, Den 3 will hold its weekly meeting on Thursday, April 16th, at 6:15 p.m. in Dunn Hall.

The Supper Committee is busy preparing for its monthly Chicken Supper, which will be held on Saturday, April 18th.

Reservations can be made by calling Shirley at 786-2576, or Jeff at 789-2552.

Valley Community is a non-denominational church and is a member of the International Council of Community Churches. The church is located at 152 South Westfield Street, Feeding Hills.

Weekly Events And Activities At St. John's Church

We welcomed the following children into St. John's Church with Baptism recently:

Nathan John Champagne, son of William and Lori-Ann; Taylor Lynn Kozel, daughter of David and Kristen; Steven Howard Ludtke, son of Howard and Mary Ann; and Mason Robert Shlosser, son of Robert and Heather.

AGAWAM CATHOLIC SINGLES CLUB

Meetings are held on every second Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. Anyone interested in joining should call Frank, 789-2764, or Kay B., 786-8442.

Second Anniversary Dinner: Details will be forthcoming after the April 18th meeting.

April 25th: Wadsworth Museum & Breakfast. Call Denise, 786-7783.

YOUR PARISH COUNCIL

With springtime comes the annual nomination and election of one-third of the Parish Council (five members for a three-year term).

The Nominating Committee is soliciting names of those who would like to be nominated, and those who should be nominated.

Will you help? Please pick up an application form at the church and return it in the collection basket by April 19th.

Holy Week Schedule At Sacred Heart

Holy Thursday: Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper, 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday: Children's Service, 11:00 a.m.; Dramatic presentation of Jesus's words from the Cross; Celebration of the Lord's Passion, 7:00 p.m.

Holy Saturday: Blessing of Easter Food, 12:00 noon; The Vigil of Easter, 8:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday: Eucharistic Celebrations — 7:30, 9:00, and 11:00 a.m.

All are welcome!

The Public Is Cordially Invited To The Easter Morning Sunrise Service 'High On A Hilltop'

The church family at Valley Community Church would like to invite everyone in our community to attend a Sunrise Service this Easter morning at 6:00 a.m.

The Worship Celebration, led by Rev. Stephen Dennehy, will be held on the front lawn of the church (weather permitting) overlooking the entire valley.

We welcome our friends at Feeding Hills Congregational Church back with us as they too

celebrate the joys of Easter morning. Rev. Robert Donaldson will also be participating in the service.

Come and hear the glorious news of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ as we watch the sun rise over the mountains.

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The Top 10 Easter Fears

1. Aunt Bessie will serve that stuffing again this year.
2. Dressing up in that Easter Bunny Costume.
3. Going to church on Sunday morning.
4. 20 People will be watching my drive on the first tee.
5. Wearing a suit and tie to Sunday church.
6. Waiting in line for an hour to eat Easter Dinner out.
7. You will be snoring during the church service.
8. Mom will insist on getting the family together for a picture.
9. Waking up Sunday morning to pouring rain.
10. One of the kids will find a boiled egg you missed from last year's Easter egg hunt.

We can't do anything about Aunt Bessie's stuffing or your tee shot on the opening hole, but we can help with those church fears. Let's make a deal. You leave the coat and tie at home, and we'll promise to keep you awake. We've even got food that will help tide you over for that restaurant wait! Get over that Easter phobia; Enjoy church with us this Sunday.

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Meeting from 10 - 11:15 a.m. Sunday, April 12 at the Agawam Junior High School

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Weekly Calendar Of Events And Activities From Agawam Congregational Church

There will be a Maundy Thursday Service on April 9th at 7:00 p.m. at Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main Street, Agawam.

This service will also include a Confirmation Service, which will be held prior to the Service of Tenebrae. The Confirmands are Adam Ellsworth, Jessica Forni, Lindsey Jeserski, Doug Nooney, and Holly Trombley.

Join us for this very special service.

This Sunday, April 12th, is Easter Sunday. There will be three services.

The Sunrise Service at 6:00 a.m. at the Springfield Turnverein on Garden Street will be a joint service with the First Baptist Church of Agawam. Rev. Rick Barnes and Rev. Fuller's Sermon will be "Be Not Afraid," taken from Text: Luke 24:1-12. Following the Sunrise Service, there will be a Breakfast served at 7:00 a.m. back at the First Baptist Church of Agawam for the Sunrise Service congregation. A Free Will Offering will be taken at the Breakfast.

At the 9:00 a.m. Worship Service, Rev. Fuller's Sermon will be "Mary Magdalene's Story," taken from Text: John 20:1-18. At the 11:00 a.m. Service, Rev. Fuller's Sermon will be "The Stone Rolled Away," taken from Text: Luke 24:1-12. The Children's Message will be "Sunrise" at the 9:00 a.m. Service, and "Walking With Us" at the 11:00 a.m. Service.

Join us at these special services for one or all three Easter Sunday Services. There will not be any Church School classes Easter Sunday; they will resume next Sunday, April 19th, at their regular time.

There will not be an Adult Education Class on Easter Sunday. The classes will resume next Sunday.

Easter Resurrection Service At Harvest Assembly Of God

You are invited to join for a special Easter Resurrection Service, 10:30 a.m., Easter Sunday at Harvest Assembly of God, 121 Union Street in West Springfield.

The service will include special inspirational music by the Harvestime Choir. Pastor Chuck Shively will be sharing a personal message from the Bible entitled "The Reality of the Resurrection for You!" There will also be nursery care and special ministry to younger children.

All are welcome. You don't need to be a regular church attender or have special clothes.

Jesus still reaches out to each person today and says "Come unto me all who are weary and heavy burdened and I will give you rest."

For more information or directions, you may call the church at 739-1234.

day, April 19th, at 9:00 a.m. in the Church Library.

The Open Pantry item for this Sunday is paper towels.

Items collected will be donated to the Agawam/West Springfield Open Pantry.

The April One-Day Vacation Bible Camp, "The Easter Story Lives," is Wednesday, April 22nd, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

Children from pre-school through high school are welcome to attend. Registration forms are available in the church office.

For more information, call the church office, 786-7111.

Boy Scout Troop No. 82 will hold a Car Wash and Can Drive on Saturday, April 11th, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Agawam Congregational Church parking lot.

Stop by to have your car washed (\$2.50) and drop off your cans and bottles to help the scouts fund their activities.

The Ladies Aid Society Annual Spring Festival is scheduled for Saturday, April 25th, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Mark your calendars today!

Crafters are wanted to display their wares. Call the church office at 786-7111 for more information.

How about having your car washed as you visit the Spring Festival? Our Junior/Senior High Youth Groups will hold a Car Wash from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Drop your car off at the side door of the church and pick it up when you come out. Help support our youth raise money for their youth activities!

Chicken Supper Slated For April 18th At Valley Comm. Church

The "community-famous" chicken suppers at Valley Community Church will be held this month on Saturday, April 18th.

The menu will consist of one-half baked chicken, stuffing, mashed potatoes, gravy, two hot vegetables, tossed salad, olives, pickles, cranberry sauce, rolls with butter, and a beverage. Also included is your choice from a table filled with delectable, enticing desserts.

Continuous servings are available from 5:00-7:00 p.m. The cost is \$7 for adults and \$3.50 for children. Reservations are suggested and can be made by calling Shirley at 786-2576 or Jeff at 789-2552.

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Easter Message From Agawam United Methodist Church

The supreme relevance of Jesus as Savior of the human race comes to light more clearly at Easter Time. For us Christians, Easter is not to be seen in the same ways as the myths of the ancient world which follow certain prescribed rituals to coincide with seasonal changes or otherwise.

Here we are being absorbed in the history of people who were conscious of the presence and working of God throughout the pilgrimage.

The appearance of Jesus, the actions of Jesus have been recorded by historians other than those who were Christians. Pagan writers saw Him as a nuisance who troubled the status quo.

But Christians, even those who at times doubt, come to attention when He stands at the graveside of Lazarus and declares, "I am the Life and the Resurrection."

We are then faced with the reality that not only did Lazarus come to life, but the troubled sorrowing sisters found new life and purpose for which to live, as the words rang out from the source of comfort, hope, and truth.

Everyone can experience this relevance of Jesus' own Resurrection when they consider that this climax experience reflects the several resurrection episodes in the life of Christ, Himself.

The death, the entombment are everyday occurrences in the life of persons across the ages, and throughout modern history. The message of Jesus is that no one need be entombed all the time; that the grave is highly ephemeral; that the life that God has given to us is eternal.

Sometimes human beings allow themselves to bathe in depression of one kind or another, instead of exerting their energies or awakening their spirits to respond to power of God that makes us into new persons. Consider the damaging, crippling hold of drug use or the entombment by alcoholism experienced by many teenagers, youth, or adult. What we must know is that there is new life available if it is indeed sought after diligently.

This Sunday, April 12th, we at the Agawam United Methodist Church invite all who read to attend our worship at 9:30 a.m. The Easter message is being brought by a local cast - intergenerational.

The message is entitled "The First Easter Day." It will leave you with the sense of being there "when the Lord rose." It is a sense of reverence, a sense of joy, and an experience of new life in Christ.

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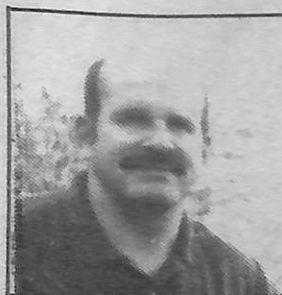
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How Did God And Jesus Survive The Crisis Of The Cross?

"My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?"

With this pain-filled cry, the Son of God died on Calvary's cross for the sins of the world. He who knew no sin personally took upon Himself the sins of the entire world, and was crucified with them. As awful as the only innocent man being executed in a cruel fashion is, the awfulness of that moment was compounded by the utter loneliness in which Jesus Christ had to endure His struggle.

God is holy, and therefore He cannot be in the presence of unholiness. That is why God says to us in Scripture, "Be holy, because I am holy." God wants us to be able to be in His immediate presence, what some refer to as fellowship with God. It is the most wonderful experience a person could have.

Jesus lived the vast majority of His life in such close fellowship with His heavenly Father that He could honestly say, "The Father and I are one." However, in the very moment that Jesus needed the fellowship of His heavenly Father, He was denied. Jesus could not experience the presence of His heavenly Father because, as the Bible describes it, **For our sake He made Him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God.**

For the only time in all of eternity, the Holy Trinity of God was separated. It was not an accident of history. All of this was according to the express will and purpose of God.

This Week's News And Notes From Feeding Hills Congregational Church

You are welcome to join with us at the Feeding Hills Congregational Church which is located at 21 N. Westfield Street in Feeding Hills.

We will join with members at the Valley Community Church for a Sunrise Service on Easter morning to be followed by breakfast at this church. At 10:00 a.m., a service of worship, which will include a special Easter Cantata, will begin in our sanctuary.

The lectionary readings for April 12th, Easter Sunday, will be Acts 10:34-43, or Isaiah 65:17-25, Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24, 1 Corinthians 15:19-26, and Luke 24:1-12 or John 20:1-18. Nursery care will be provided for the very young.

Last Sunday, children in the Sunday School delivered approximately 40 Easter baskets to elderly friends of this church to help them celebrate this season!

There will be a potluck supper here on Maundy Thursday, April 9th at 6:30 p.m. Supper will be followed by worship in the sanctuary.

The 148th Annual Meeting of the Hampden Association of the Massachusetts Conference of the United Church of Christ will take place on Monday, April 27, 1998 at the First Church in Ludlow. The tentative agenda includes dinner, business meeting, and worship with the Reverend Bennie E. Whiten, Jr., Conference Minister and President, preaching.

For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.

The pain which God suffered was something He had planned for long ago. When the time came, the Father turned His back on the Son, because the Son carried the sins of the world on Himself.

If there is anything worse than going through a crisis, surely it must be going through that crisis alone. That is just as true for God as it is for us. How did God and Jesus survive the crisis of the cross? What carried them through that awful moment?

When a woman is in the throes of great distress in the moments before she give birth to a child, she can relieve some, though not all, of her stress by employing breathing techniques and concentrating on a focal point. She focuses on a focal point which is something other than her immediate anguish.

It would appear that God and Jesus also concentrated on a focal point other than their immediate pain during the crisis of the cross.

Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush Him with pain. When You make His life an offering for sin, He shall see His offspring, and shall prolong His days; through Him the will of the Lord will prosper. Out of His anguish He shall see light; He shall find satisfaction through His knowledge. The Righteous One, My Servant, shall make many righteous, and He shall bear their iniquities.

The Bible tells us that in the most challenging moments of all time, the Father and the Son looked past their pain, and saw each of us.

For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him may not perish but may have eternal life.

The focal point which God and Jesus concentrated on, which carried them through the awful anguish of the cross, was you and me!

Faith Bible Church Invites Public To Good Friday & Easter Events

On Friday, April 10th, at 7:00 p.m., Faith Bible Church, located on Shoemaker Lane, invites all to come out and witness "the final 24 hours of the Lord." This dramatic event should touch all who attend.

Easter is a time of celebration, but also an historical event that some people never will understand fully until witnessing it first-hand and in person. Everyone is cordially invited and welcome as we will begin our journey at 7:00 p.m. We don't feel anyone will be disappointed.

We will celebrate the resurrection on Easter Sunday at an 11:00 a.m. service. All are welcome.

St. Anthony's Holy Rosary Society To Host Guest Artist

The next monthly meeting of St. Anthony of Padua's Holy Rosary Society will be held on Tuesday, April 14th, at 7:30 p.m. in the church hall.

Following the business meeting, Florida Tangocci, past president and current vice-president of the Agawam Community Artists, will present a program titled "La Vie Est Un Art — Life Is An Art!" Her artistry is well-known in the community and frequently exhibited.

St. Theresa and St. Anthony women are invited to attend this presentation, which will start at about 8:10 p.m.

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Motor Vehicle Negligence Accident With State Trooper

The 36 year-old plaintiff was operating his vehicle in the left lane of Route 495 when he was struck in the rear by an off-duty Massachusetts state trooper operating an unmarked cruiser. Upon impact, plaintiff's vehicle spun several times and was forced off the highway into a culvert.

The defendant alleged that the plaintiff suddenly and without warning moved from the right lane into the left lane and into the path of the trooper's vehicle. The defense called an accident reconstructionist who supported the defendant's version of the accident. However, upon cross examination, it was revealed that the reconstructionist was also an employee of the state police.

The plaintiff alleged that the defendant was traveling at a speed that significantly exceeded

the speed limit. He testified that he was traveling in the left lane and had not pulled unexpectedly into the defendant's lane of travel.

The plaintiff testified that following the accident, the officer did not exit his vehicle, did not identify himself to the plaintiff, and did not attempt to determine whether plaintiff was in need of medical attention. The plaintiff testified that shortly after the accident, marked state police vehicles arrived at the scene.

Despite his complaints of injury and significant auto damage, the plaintiff claims no ambulance was called to the scene and plaintiff drove home. A motorist witnessed the accident and corroborated the plaintiff's version of the accident.

The plaintiff alleged injuries which included a back/neck strain as well as a knee injury that required arthroscopic surgery. The plaintiff also contended that he suffer psychological injury as a result of his treatment by the police at the scene of the accident and also as a result of his subsequent disability. Plaintiff was deemed disabled from his work as a janitor for approximately nine months, according to his physician.

The defense argued that plaintiff's knee injury was related to a prior knee injury. They further argued that the alleged psychological damages were questionable and were an attempt by the plaintiff to inflate damages.

The jury awarded the plaintiff \$96,500.

Attorney Alan L. Ferrigno maintains an office at 546 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills.

Ayre Real Estate Boots-In With Region's MLS Property Information Network

Kathy Ayre, President, Ayre Real Estate Co., Inc., has announced that MLS Property Information Network, Inc. (MLS PIN) became fully operational on February 1, 1998 after closing a transaction that was three years in the making.

MLS PIN is the entity that was formed to acquire the businesses of Bay State MLS, the largest multiple listing service in New England, and MLS-1, a division of the Greater Boston Real Estate Board and the second largest MLS in the state.

MLS PIN has a database that includes over 80 percent of the active residential real estate listings in the state and hopes to expand the coverage to most of New England. "MLS PIN is dedicated to providing leading edge technology, information systems, and services to Real Estate professionals. The aim of the new organization will be to continue to eliminate geographical barriers to real estate listings information in the state and eventually throughout New England," stated

Ayre. "By reducing the cost of doing business and opening up access to property listings across the region, a real estate office will be able to raise the level of service to the consumer and better meet their needs," she said.

Marketing property through a participant of MLS PIN will give a consumer worldwide exposure to their listing through MLS PIN's internet vendor relationships. Buyers will benefit as well by having access to the majority of residential listings in the state through a participant of MLS PIN. This will help narrow the focus to specific geographic areas that meet the consumer's search criteria as well as assist them in making better qualified relocation decisions.

This merger makes MLS Property Information Network, Inc. one of the top 10 multiple listing services in the country. Currently there are approximately 2,500 real estate listing services in the United States.

Super Stop & Shop In Feeding Hills Center Helping The Hungry

As the outdoor temperature rises, so does the need for food and money donations at food pantries and soup kitchens, according to New England area food bank operators. In Massachusetts alone, one in 11 people go to bed hungry each night, according to Project Bread.

Donations to food banks are significantly lower during the summer months because most people make food and money contributions to those in need during the winter holiday season.

The Stop & Shop Supermarket Company leads the fight against hunger and dedicates the month of April to driving away hunger in local communities. Beginning immediately, Stop & Shop at Feeding Hills Center urges its customers to purchase \$1 "paper" cans and during the week of April 26th, any non-perishable food or health and beauty care item will be accepted.

Food For Friends Month culminates on Saturday, May 2nd, with the eighth Annual Food Drive at all Stop & Shop supermarkets from 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., rain or shine. All contributions will be donated to local hunger relief organizations.

"Here at Stop & Shop, we think of our food bank partners as a second family," said Bill Grize, CEO of Stop & Shop. "We are committed to fighting hunger and hope our customers will join us as we dedicate ourselves to help our neighbors in need."

"We're excited about Food For Friends Month," Grize said. "Just as Stop & Shop makes shopping simple, we make giving simple. This year we want to double our results and collect 265 tons of food throughout the Stop & Shop chain."

Stop & Shop employees play an important role in Food For Friends Month. Each year, employees participate in other Stop & Shop Community Partnership activities, including four weeks of individual store fundraisers in October and November; a clipless coupon program benefiting local food banks; and "Turkey Express," when Stop & Shop delivers turkeys for the holidays to area food banks.

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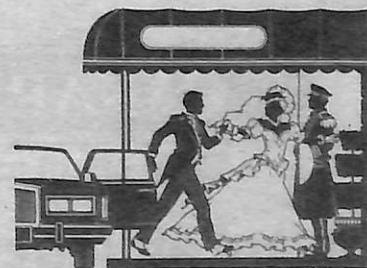
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EB's Scavenger Hunt Assists Easter Seals



E.B.'S RESTAURANT in Agawam helped to raise funds for the Western Mass Easter Seals with a Scavenger Hunt at Shaker Farms Country Club on Saturday, March 28th. IN PHOTO LEFT, owner and operator Edward Borgatti, Jr., is pictured with helpers Donna Atkinson, Dee Barnes, Mary Stuart, and Anita Thomas. In photo right, Borgatti is pictured with Ed & Linda Lowell, Lynn Chicoine, Jody Wright, Tina Henson, Jim Lowell, and David, Catherine, and Matthew Gonyea. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

Mercy Hospital Hosts Cancer Support Group

Persons with cancer, their families, and friends are invited to attend Mercy Hospital's Support Group. Meetings are conducted Mondays, 7:00 p.m., in the Deliso Conference Center, and are free of charge.

The group offers information on topics of interest to cancer patients, and provides an opportunity to share experiences in a friendly, supportive atmosphere. Meetings are facilitated by Sr. Madeleine Joy, S.P., of Mercy's Pastoral Care Department.

For more information, call the Pastoral Care Department, (413) 748-9453.

Diabetic Programs Offered At Mercy Hospital

Newly diagnosed diabetics will benefit from a four-part educational series being conducted in April at Mercy Hospital.

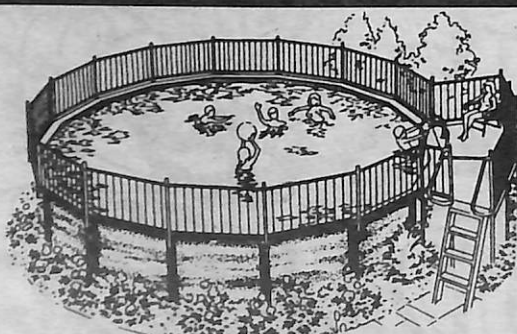
The free series will take place April 13th-16th, 2:30-3:30 p.m., in the Deliso Conference Center at the hospital, 299 Carew St. Sessions will provide

an introduction to diabetes, dietary guidelines, a review of diabetes medications, and an overview of complications related to the condition.

Registration is required; call Mercy Hospital's Patient Education Department, (413) 748-9024, and leave your name and telephone number.

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For Your Health - continued...**New Mothers' Support Group To Hold Mtg. At Mercy Hospital**

New mothers are invited to share their questions and concerns at a New Mothers' Support Group, sponsored by the Family Life Center at Mercy Hospital.

The next sessions will take place April 15th and 29th, 10:30-11:30 a.m., in the Family Life Center lounge.

Meetings are open to mothers with babies up to one year-old, and offer the opportunity to talk with professionals from the Family Life Center's Parenting Education Department and share experiences and information with other new mothers.

Topics include newborn care, infant feeding, postpartum concerns, returning to work, and parenting issues. Babies and partners are welcome to attend.

For more information and to register, call the Family Life Center, (413) 748-7295.

Mobile Hearing Center Coming To Senior Ctr. On Monday, April 27th

Mercy Hospital's Weldon Mobile Hearing Center will conduct a free hearing screening and hearing aid checks at the Agawam Senior Center on April 27th at 9:00 a.m.

In addition, full diagnostic hearing tests, evaluations, fittings, sales and service of hearing aids, and assistive-listening devices, can be scheduled on a fee-for-service basis.

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**Food for Thought**

by Nancy Dell
Registered Dietician

New ADA Booklet Helps Consumers Cut Through Bookshelf Clutter

Each year more than 450 new food, nutrition, and health books flood the consumer market, often leading to confusion about which books and newsletters are credible and scientifically sound.

To help readers cut through the clutter, The American Dietetic Association (ADA) has just released its "Good Nutrition Reading List, a comprehensive consumer guide of nearly 100 books and newsletters that provide scientifically-sound information.

"We know people are a bit overwhelmed when they walk into a bookstore looking for a good book about eating well, losing weight, sports nutrition, or other individual nutrition needs," said Polly Fitz, R.D. (registered dietitian), president of the 70,000-member ADA. "This list gives readers a

jump start on which books are worth cracking."

ADA's recent Nutrition Trends Survey revealed that while eight in 10 Americans know the importance of nutrition to overall health, only a third are doing all they can to eat well. And, the survey showed confusion over what constitutes good nutrition is one of the main barriers that keep people from putting nutrition attitudes into action. Books, newsletters, and information from consumer media were all cited in the survey as sources of such confusion.

While not endorsing individual books or nutrition newsletters, ADA's *Good Nutrition Reading List* provides guidance to readers on a variety of publications deemed accurate after peer review by registered dietitians. Coordinated through ADA's National Center for Nutrition and Dietetics (NCND), the list helps readers identify books that address specific nutrition topics such as diabetes meal planning, vegetarianism, sports nutrition, children's nutrition, and more.

To order a copy of ADA's *Good Nutrition Reading List*, send a self-addressed, stamped, business-sized envelope to ADAF-GNRL, P.O. Box 77-6034, Chicago, Illinois 60678-6034. The cost of the list is \$3.50.

Founded in 1917, the American Dietetic Association is the nation's largest organization of food and nutrition professionals. ADA members serve the public through the promotion of optimal nutrition, health, and well-being.

Nancy Dell, MS, is a registered dietitian in private practice in Feeding Hills and the media representative for the Massachusetts Dietetic Association.

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For Your Health - continued...**Support Groups
Courses, And
Programs At Noble****SUPPORT GROUPS**

Alcoholics Anonymous: Sunday evenings, 8:00 to 9:00 p.m. In Conference Room A at Noble Hospital, 115 West Silver Street, Westfield.

Free of charge. All are welcome.

Stroke Support Group: Wednesdays, April 15th and April 29th, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. In the Bronson Rehabilitation Center Dining Room at Noble Hospital.

Free of charge and open to individuals recovering from a stroke and their support persons.

Topics: "Prevention of future strokes" (April 15th) and "Stroke in different areas of the brain; right vs. left" (April 29th).

Crohn's and Colitis: Tuesday, April 21st, 7:00 p.m. In Conference Room A.

Free of charge and open to all suffering from Crohn's or Colitis and their support persons. Heidi Domingues Kolek, M.D., will entertain questions and answers for the IBD patient.

Diabetes Support Group: Tuesday, April 28th, 1:00 p.m. In Conference Room A.

Free of charge and open to all suffering from diabetes and their support persons. Linda Lissack, Paralegal Advocate at Western Mass. Legal Services, will speak about changes in Medicare at this meeting.

COURSES/PROGRAMS:

CPR Course: Two-part course — Wednesdays, April 15th and 22nd, 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. In the Education Department/Ground Floor of Noble Hospital.

This course provides American Heart Association Adult, Child, and Infant certification. Cost of the course is \$45.

To register or obtain more information, call the Noble Hospital Education Department at (413) 568-2811, ext. 5914.

14th Annual Run For A Noble Cause (5-K Road Race and Kid's Race): Saturday, April 25th, 8:30 a.m. Sponsored by Noble Hospital.

Registration is limited to 350. The registration fee is \$8 in advance, and \$10 on the day of the race. The Kid's Race is free.

Awards will be given for all divisions. Call Noble Hospital's Health Beat, (413) 568-2328, for a registration form or more information.

Children's Olympics: Saturday, May 2nd, 8:30 a.m. At Billy Bullens Field. Sponsored by Noble Hospital and the YMCA of Greater Springfield.

Registration is limited to 250. The registration fee is \$6 for one child, \$8 for two children, \$10 for three children, and \$12 for four or more children in the same family.

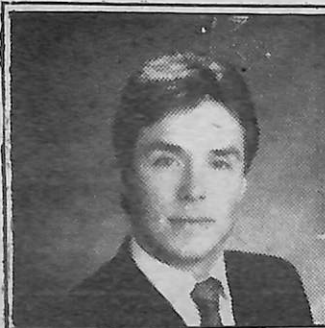
Children five through 12 years of age will compete in "Olympic Events," which include hurdles, softball throw, 50-yard dash, sack race, and standing broad jump. Medals will be awarded to the top three finishers (boys and girls) in each age division.

Pre-registration is required prior to April 22nd. Call Noble Hospital's Health Beat, (413) 568-2328, for a registration form or more information.

Bicycle Safety Rodeo: Saturday, May 9th, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. At Noble Hospital's West Silver Street Parking Lot. Sponsored by Noble Hospital, Westfield Police Department, Community Police Unit, Westfield Kiwanis Club.

Featuring: Free Bicycle Raffle, Obstacle Course, Bicycle Inspections, Certificate of Completion, BMX Demonstrations, Police and Fire Department EMT Bicycle Patrols, and free hot dog and drink for all participants.

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Help For Those Golfers

Tiger Woods receives benefits from chiropractic care. Prior to riding atop the Chiropractic Centennial float in the Rose Parade back in 1995, the 17 year-old celebrity stated, "Being a chiropractic patient has really helped me a lot. When I was in a growth spurt, my back became sore and I was weak."

"My chiropractor really helped me. Not only did he adjust my spine, he also gave me strengthening exercises to do. If you are tall and gangly like I am, or play sports, I would recommend chiropractic."

That same year, chiropractic's centennial year, Tiger won his second U.S. Amateur title. Nicklaus and a few others had won the U.S. title twice, but nobody had won it three times.

Tiger Woods went on to win the 1996 U.S. Amateur in 1996 for his record-breaking three titles. Joining the professional ranks, he signed an eye-opening \$40 million endorsement deal with Nike. By June of 1997, he was the PGA's leading winner, with four major titles already this year.

During his month's respite following the Master's victory, Tiger was experiencing some back and hip pain and received chiropractic treatment from Dr. Jeffrey Spencer, a Grant's Pass, Oregon chiropractor who was a member of the U.S. Olympic cycling team in 1972.

When Dr. Spencer took Tiger's history, he noted that Tiger was a bit different from most other golfers he'd treated. "He is extremely athletic, well-muscled, and has inherently good posture and movement mechanics." Dr. Spencer added that Woods exhibited extreme flexibility and tremendous strength and agility.

We can't all be blessed with the natural attributes of Tiger Woods, but when you experience the neck, back, hip, and leg pains commonly associated with the rapidly growing sport of golf, contact the SCHLAFFER CHIROPRACTIC OFFICE, 192 Shoemaker Lane, Agawam (789-1369). We may provide the answer.

**Pulmonary Support
Group Sets Meeting
For Wed., April 22nd**

Mercy Hospital's Pulmonary Support Group will meet Wednesday, April 22nd, 1:00-3:00 p.m. in the hospital's Deliso Conference Center, 299 Carew St.

The free group is co-sponsored by the Lung Association, and is designed for those who feel physically or emotionally limited by breathing problems such as asthma, chronic bronchitis, or emphysema.

Meetings offer individuals, their families, and friends the opportunity to share problems and solutions. An informal social period with refreshments is also part of each session.

For more information, call Cardiopulmonary/Neurology Services at Mercy Hospital, (413) 748-9610.

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Elbow Arthritis...

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As the disease advances, a decrease in mobility may be evident, with tenderness and a grating sensation. The ultimate characteristic is inflammation which causes joint enlargement and bone spurs that lead to an appearance of deformity.

The cause of degenerative joint disease (osteoarthritis) is unknown. It appears to be a result of a complex system of interacting mechanical, biomechanical, and enzymatic feedback loops. Some causes may be due to genetic defects, congenital joint abnormalities (blame those parents!), and various disease processes.

Osteoarthritis can be quite complex. Occasionally I may have a patient with very little osteoarthritic changes happening, yet the patient is suffering a great deal of pain and discomfort.

On the other hand, I've seen patients with incredible amounts of arthritis be relatively pain-free. So what I have experienced is that the amount of arthritis often does not correlate with the amount of pain.

As researchers, we still have much more work to do. The body is so complex, it's not a simple matter of finding what the physical problem is; there are more components to the big picture.

Some aspects to consider are diet, exercise, stress, and emotional and psychological issues (to name just a few). ***

Conservative treatment for osteoarthritis includes patient education, nutritional therapy, and rehabilitation. Exercise is important in that it maintains healthy cartilage, while the range-of-motion develops stress-absorbing muscles and tendons.

Some nutritional aspects to consider are:

- * Weight loss (to reduce stress on the joints).
- * Vitamin E (to help ease pain).
- * Vitamin C (helps stimulate chondrocytes).
- * Niacinamide (has relieved symptoms and improved joint range-of-motion).
- * DL-phenylalanine (has helped some to cope with unremitting pain).
- * Glucosamine sulfate (reduces joint pain and improves range-of-motion).
- * Cod liver oil and flaxseed oil (helps decrease inflammation and pain).

A home exercise program would include elbow curls, tricep curls, forearm exercises, forearm muscle stretches, gripping exercises, wrist curls, and extensions. Heat would be appropriate before exercise to help loosen tight muscles, whereas ice after exercise helps decrease inflammation and pain.

Osteoarthritic pain can be very frustrating due to the fact that it is chronic and inconsistent. However, if patients take control of the disease via education and action, they can help themselves deal with osteoarthritis.

If you or someone you know is suffering with osteoarthritis, contact our office today.



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For Your Health - continued...**Fitness Tip...****What Is Spinning? Let Me Tell You About It...**

by Carmela Kirk, RN
Fitness Consultant, Fitness First

When people hear me talk about spinning, they have to ask about it. I guess that's because of the excitement and passion in my voice when I talk about the ride.

Spinning can and has made people, including me, stronger and more fit than ever before. We teach spinning classes to novice athletes riding next to tri-athletes.

So, what is spinning, you all ask? Spinning is done on a patented, modified bike that is stationary. The workout is nothing like that of a stationary bike, though. It is done in a group to incredible, motivating music.

The instructors take you on a ride that involves flats, hills, jumps, sprints, runs, and anything else we can imagine for you. You and you alone control the resistance of the pedals and pedal speed. We all begin together and we all stay together, but we all enjoy our own ride.

Watching a spinning class can be intimidating. Seeing all those soaking wet, heavy breathing, smiling, hooting and hollering people can make you think twice. We encourage everyone to start with a beginner or orientation class. This is important to get to know the bike, to learn how to work the bike.

Classes range from the beginner, 30-minute

orientation class to a 45-minute intermediate, to a one-hour advanced class. Did I mention the advanced master class? It's 90 minutes; sign up early because it fills up quickly!

Spinning takes practice. The first time (like many other things) it is awkward. The second time it may be a little more comfortable, but now you've worked a little harder. The third you say, "Hmm, maybe I can do this." Then, PLEASE help the fitness staff if there is not a bike available the next time you want to ride!

The energy and adrenaline after a class is something you have got to experience. The results are phenomenal, burning 500 to 800 calories per class.

Spinning can make you stronger and leaner than you've ever been. The stress release is another reason we hate to miss our ride.

People often ask me with full-time hours outside the home, two children, and the day-to-day rush of 90's living, how I can take the time to ride. My answer is simple — I can't afford not to ride!

I am more efficient as a nurse, as a mom, as a wife, daughter, friend ... if I take the time I need to take care of myself.

So next time you want to ask about spinning, have a seat, I'd love to tell you about it. For now, gotta go, can't be late for the warm-up!

All the local news with us, each week - AAN!

Herbal Healing Workshop Scheduled At Mercy Hospital

Learn about the healing power of herbs at a six-week workshop sponsored by the Women's Pavilion at Mercy Hospital. Sessions will meet Thursday evenings, 6:30-8:30 p.m., from April 16th through May 21st, at the Women's Pavilion, 299 Carew St.

In this hands-on workshop, master herbalist Kathleen Duffy, L.P.N., will discuss the history of medicinal herbs; offer identification, preparation, and storage techniques; and provide an overview of herbs for both daily and first aid use. At each session, participants can sample herbal teas and practice identification using live plant specimens.

Duffy, a medical herbalist for more than 20 years, is owner of The Herbarium, a retail herb and health store in Chicopee, and founder of the consulting firm Natural Health Care Services. She is the host of "Herbs for Health and Healing," a weekly two-hour radio program on WNNZ-AM, and has lectured extensively on alternative health topics.

Cost for the workshop is \$150 and advance registration is required. For more information, call the Women's Pavilion, (413) 748-9080.

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DEBORAH COSTINE and LENNY GERWICK (above, holding puppets) will bring the Gerwick Puppets to the Agawam Library on April 21st. Storyteller DIANE EDGECOMB (candid photo) will be at the Ag. Library on April 16th.

Storyteller & Puppets Slated To Perform At Agawam Public Lib.

STORYTELLER AT THE LIBRARY

Agawam and Feeding Hills families are invited to "Celebrate Spring" with storyteller Diane Edgecomb, on Thursday, April 16th, from 6:30-7:30 p.m. at the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper Street.

These stories are perfect for all ages, and are designed to help us in celebration of this wonderful season!

This program is funded by a grant from the Agawam Cultural Council, a local agency supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council.

PLEASE REGISTER BY CALLING 789-1550, OR VISITING THE LIBRARY.

PUPPET SHOW AT THE LIBRARY

To celebrate National Library Week (April 19th-25th), the Agawam Library will present the Gerwick Puppets production, "Brer Rabbit Trickster Tales" on Tuesday, April 21st, from 6:30-7:00 p.m. for elementary school aged children and their parents.

Tickets are available at the library circulation desk on a first-come, first-served basis, and are limited to Agawam and Feeding Hills families only.

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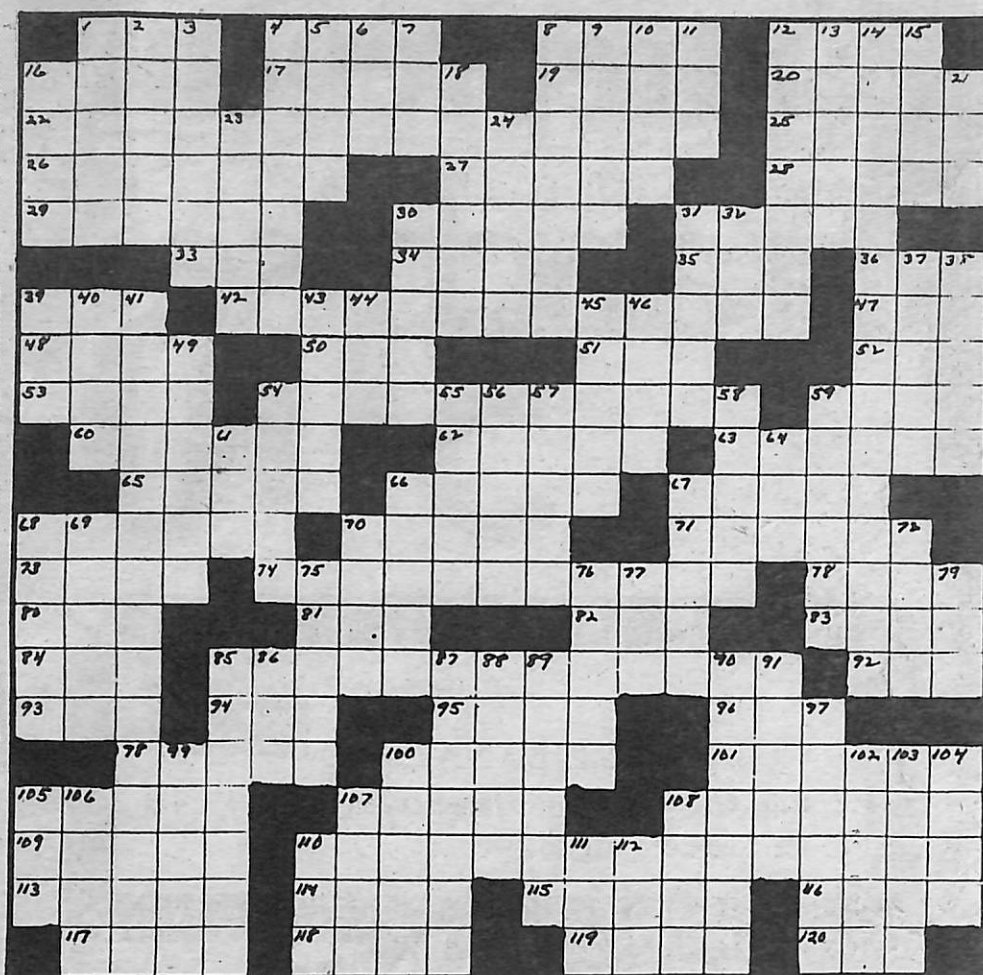
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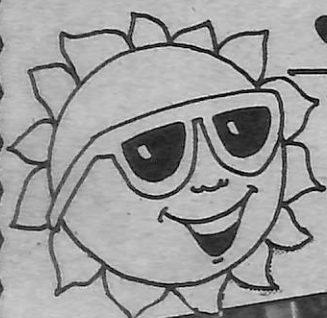
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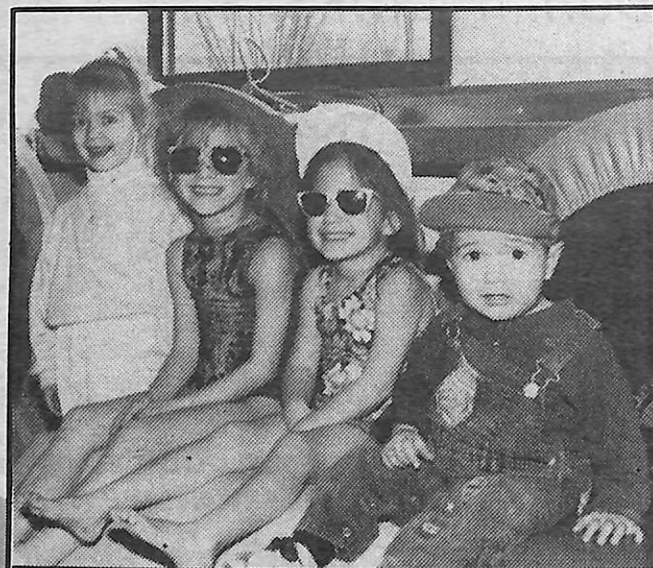
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Video Extravaganza Once Again Supports Jr. High Non-Users

For the eighth year, the Video Extravaganza was held at the Agawam Junior High School gym as members of the Non-Users Club gathered for an entertaining evening of watching music videos, dancing, and giving testimonials to their commitment to maintain a drug-free lifestyle.

This is one of the club's most popular and well attended events. The three-hour-long celebration highlights the benefits of remaining drug free.

Produced by Premier Talent Group, the event features three disc jockeys playing the students' favorite music videos on a giant 30-foot screen.

"Commercials" from the Drug-Free Partnership are played throughout the evening and the cameras are turned on to the students themselves, who volunteer to give their own testimonials on why they have chosen a drug-free lifestyle.

For the eighth year, the Agawam Lions Club sponsored this activity. On hand to offer their support and present a check for this event were Lions Club members Dick Bassett and Bob Germano. Their presentation met with the enthusiastic approval of all the Non-Users Club members in attendance who thoroughly enjoyed this event.

Early Registration Discount For Vacation Camp At Storowton

Children ages seven through 12 can step into the 19th century and learn more about early American village life during Storowton Village Museum's next vacation program, "A Day Away in the Past." The program will be offered twice, April 21st or 22nd, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Storowton Village Museum is offering a 20 percent discount on admission — which is \$5 off the regular \$25 fee — for those who register and pay in full for the camp by Monday, April 13th.

Children spending a day away in the past will be dressed in period costumes provided by the village and try their hand at crafts such as candlemaking, basketmaking, and quill pen calligraphy. They will also participate in early American games, as well as experience the uniqueness of a working blacksmith shop with hands-on instruction.

To register or find out more about this historic program, call the Storowton Village Museum office at (413) 787-0136.

*Our deadline is
every Tuesday at
noon. Thanks.*



IN TOP PHOTO, Agawam Lions Club members Dick Bassett (left) and Bob Germano (right) were again on hand to support the Junior High School's Non-Users Club at the Annual Video Extravaganza. Jr. High students in the photo are Matt Couture, Laura Zerra, Jodie Pfau, and Ashley Blanchard. IN PHOTO LEFT, Mark Zaccane, Ed Carey, and Stacey Hamel were the disc jockeys for the event. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

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Food Play Troupe Performs At Phelps



PHELPS SCHOOL WAS THE PLACE to be on March 24th when the Food Play Troupe (photo right) entertained students and staff with their brand of comedy. Members of the school's PTO put smiles on everyone's face by serving ice cream sundaes. PTO members pictured are Denise Moffatt (president), Linda Albano, and Linda Howe. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

Ag. Schools To Hold "Health Awareness" Essay Contest

As part of the Agawam Public School System's Health Awareness Week, an essay contest is being conducted at all schools.

One \$25 prize-winner will be awarded from each of the four elementary schools and the Middle School. Two \$25 prize-winners will be awarded at both the Junior High School and the High School.

Essay forms may be picked up in the main office of each school. Essays should be returned to the school's main office as well. Essays are due back by the close of school on April 10th.

Winners will be announced at the Health Fair to be held at Agawam High School on April 16th from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Activities Scheduled During "Health Awareness Week"

The Agawam Public School System will be conducting the following activities during "Health Awareness Week," April 13th-17th. The theme of the week is "Staying Safe - Being Healthy."

April 13th: "Fatal Vision" by John Mineo at the High School. This presentation simulates the dangers of drunk driving.

April 14th: Classroom work at all levels.

April 15th: Speakers on various drug and alcohol issues. 8:00-11:00 a.m.; Mock accident at

the High School, 11:00 a.m.-12:00 noon; Mock wake at the High School, 12:30-1:30 p.m.; Health Advisory Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m. (Middle School)

April 16th: Teenage Grieving Process Presentation at the High School, 9:00-10:45 a.m.; Health Fair at the High School, 6:30-8:30 p.m. **FREE OF CHARGE AND OPEN TO ALL.**

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photo by Jack Devine.

Annual Chorus Time Concert Slated For April 14th At AHS

The Annual Chorus Time Concert will be held on Tuesday, April 14th, in the High School Gymnasium. The performance will feature choral students in grades six through 12 and will start at 7:30 p.m.

The concert will feature performances of traditional and popular music, with a combined finale. The groups are under the direction of Stephen Files (High School), Susan Brown (Junior High), and Meredith Quitno (Middle School). Piano accompanists are Jeanne Tringue and Todd Rovelli.

A voluntary donation of \$2 will be collected at the door; senior citizens will be admitted free of charge. Audience members and choral students are also encouraged to bring a food contribution for donation to the Open Pantry.

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Having Fun At The Yukon Derby



BACK IN JANUARY, Scouts from St. John's Pack 77, Den 7 participated in the Yukon Derby. Standing: Brett Barker, Gary Theroux, and Ryan Sullivan; Sitting: Nick Abraham, Sean Walsh, and Nick Sliech.

"Health Fair" At Agawam High School Open & Free To All Town Residents

The Agawam Public School System will be conducting a Health Fair **free of charge** to all town residents. The Health Fair will be held Thursday, April 16th, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., at the Agawam High School. The health fair is designed to offer points of interest to all age groups. We encourage families to attend.

- Baystate Hospital: Child injuries and child health.
- Bike Safety Inspections: **Free helmets will be raffled off.**
- Blood Pressure Clinic: Nurses from the Agawam Public Schools.
- Booths: Set-up in the High School cafeteria on various health agencies and issues, numerous area agencies will be represented.
- Child Safety: Serv-U will display window guards, smoke detectors, fire extinguishers, and other safety items.
- C.P.R. and Heimlich Maneuver Demonstrations: Agawam Fire Department
- Dental Health: **Two dentists will be on sight.**
- Drug and Alcohol Prevention Booths
- Fire Safety
- Food Services: Free samples of the new

school lunch item "Fahita Chicken Pasta Salad."

- Heart Health Monitors: Monitoring your exercise routine
- Insurance: Department of Public Health and Massachusetts Health
- Lower Pioneer Valley Educational Collaborative: Smoking vs Non-Smoking Lungs. **Actual lungs for viewing.**
- Massachusetts Prevention Center: Interactive quizzes for kids/parents with prizes awarded.
- Peer Education
- "Pickle Ball": A new game within the Physical Education curriculum
- Poison Control Concerns in the Home: Medical West
- "Signs and Symptoms of Drug Use and Abuse": 7:00 p.m. presentation in the Main Gymnasium by the Agawam Police Department.
- "Staying Safe - Being Healthy": Essay winners announced. **\$25 prizes**
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Cory Lavalette Given Journalism Award At Utica College

Agawam resident Cory Lavalette '99 was awarded the George Jones/RSI Outstanding PR/J Junior Award at the annual Public Relations/Journalism Awards Luncheon held recently at Utica College of Syracuse University.

The luncheon is sponsored by the College's Raymond Simon Institute for Public Relations.

Each year, outstanding public relations/journalism freshmen, sophomore, junior, and senior students are selected by the faculty based on their demonstrated excellence in academics, their outstanding research and writing skills, and for possessing the personal qualities needed for success in their chosen field. Lavalette was presented with the \$200 award and a certificate during the luncheon.

Lavalette is the son of Richard, Sr. and Charlotte Lavalette. He is editor-in-chief of Utica College's student-produced newspaper, the *Tangerine*, and secretary of the UC Media Club.

The Raymond Simon Institute for Public Relations at Utica College was founded in 1986 with the purpose of enhancing UC's public relations and journalism programs. Each year, cash awards made possible through generous contributions from Utica College PR/J alumni are granted to encourage excellence on the part of students in the public relations/journalism programs.

Utica College of Syracuse University is a private, four-year institution which grants the Syracuse University baccalaureate degree. The College, located in central New York approximately 90 miles west of Albany and 50 miles east of Syracuse, has 1,600 full-time and 500 part-time students.

Two Town Students On Dean's List At Providence College

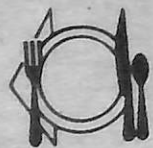
Two area residents have been named to the Dean's List at Providence College for the fall 1997 semester. To achieve Dean's List status, a student must attain a 3.250 or higher grade point average on a 4.0 scale, with no grader lower than a "C."

Named to the Dean's List were Jamie Lewis of Feeding Hills, an elementary/special education major, and John Higgins III of Agawam, a biology-science major.

Providence College is the only college or university in North America administered by the Dominican Friars. The Catholic, liberal arts college has an undergraduate enrollment of approximately 3,600 students, and offers degrees in 39 academic majors.

"U.S. News and World Report" ranked Providence College number one among colleges and universities in the north in its 1998 edition of "America's Best Colleges." The College was also cited as one of the top 15 "best buys" in the Northeast in "Money" Magazine's most recent annual value rankings.

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Lee Kunkler: Utica College
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Toni Peets: Springfield Technical Community College
Michelle Clauson: Springfield Technical Community College
Kin Ly: University of Massachusetts
Daryl St. Laurent: Harvard University, Brown University
Kevin Cornwell: Cornell University

Scholarships: See your counselor for more information or an application.

Ruth S.T. Cotting Memorial Scholarship: Open to students who plan to attend the University of Massachusetts and major in environmental sciences, agriculture, arboriculture, horticulture, oceanography, animal science, landscape design, and other related fields. **Deadline:** May 11, 1998.

Open Houses: See your counselor for more information.

Springfield Technical Community College:
Wednesday, April 22nd, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Seniors, please notify your counselor when you receive a college acceptance.

Bay Path College Has Decision Days On April 27th-28th

Bay Path College will offer two decision days for students interested in attending the four-year private women's college.

On Monday and Tuesday, April 27th and 28th, from 4:00-8:00 p.m., prospective students are invited to meet informally with admissions and financial aid representatives, tour the campus, and receive an admission decision. Arrangements may also be made to attend a class.

"One-stop-shopping is the plan," said Dean of Enrollment Carol Hobin. Students who come in with a completed application, high school transcripts, SAT scores, and letters of recommendation will have the application fee waived and receive an admission decision before they leave.

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Tuesday, April 14th: Hamburg patty in roll, steamed parsley rice, niblet corn, pear macaroon, milk.

Wednesday, April 15th: Sliced deli turkey breast sandwich in roll, tossed garden salad with spinach greens and dressing, oven potato puffs with catsup, chocolate pudding with topping, milk.

Thursday, April 16th: Grilled cheese sandwich, pickle chips, oven French fries with catsup, fresh apple or jello with topping, milk.

Friday, April 17th: Oven-baked chicken nuggets with honey, bread and butter, seasoned diced carrots, cinnamon apple sauce, orange blossom cake, milk.

Monday, April 20th, through Friday, April 24th: Spring vacation.

Applications Now Available For 1998 Summer Youth Jobs

Applications for the 1998 Summer Youth Employment Program are now available in the Guidance Office of the Agawam Junior High and Senior High Schools.

Eligibility for a job is determined by specific criteria. For example, if a student is receiving a free lunch, receiving some form of welfare assistance, or is at least a Prototype 3 SPED student, he/she may be eligible for a summer job. All applicants must be at least 14 years-old and no older than 21.

Included in each application packet is a list of materials that must be returned to the guidance office along with the completed application. These include a copy of applicant's Social Security card, electric or other utility bill with the applicant's home address, and a copy of the student's birth certificate.

Because the number of available jobs is limited, it is important to return the completed application as soon as possible. All qualified applicants will be notified in writing for an interview, which will take place at the end of May.

Local Residents In Continuing Ed. Honor Society At AIC

The American International College chapter of Alpha Sigma Lambda, the national honor society for continuing education students, held its annual candlelight induction ceremony Wednesday, March 11th.

Eighteen students were inducted into the honor society, including Agawam residents Barbara L. Charest (business major) and Michael P. Larouche (business major) and Feeding Hills resident Judith A. Ancelli (finance major).

Alpha Sigma Lambda recognizes the special achievements of adults who achieve academic excellence while facing commitments of work and home.

"Adult students are unique; they bring interesting experience to the classroom and they're not afraid to speak out," said Elizabeth Ayres, Ph.D., dean of the AIC School of Continuing Education and Graduate Studies.

Alpha Sigma Lambda inductees must be within 18 credits of graduating with their first baccalaureate degree; they must have earned a minimum of 30 credits at AIC, half of which must be in courses outside of the major; at least 15 credits must have been earned in one academic year at some point in the inductees' studies; inductees must have attended AIC for at least four semesters part-time or two semesters full-time; and inductees must have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.2.

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Marcel Blais Inducted As Member Of Conn. Math Honors Society

Marcel Blais, a junior at Fairfield University, Fairfield, Connecticut and a resident of Feeding Hills, was inducted as a member of the Connecticut Gamma Chapter of Pi Mu Epsilon, the national mathematics honor society.

In order to qualify for membership, a junior or senior must major or minor in mathematics, rank in the top third of the class, and have a 3.0 grade average in mathematics. A sophomore must have a 4.0 in mathematics and rank in the top quarter.

Blais is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Yvon G. Blais of Feeding Hills and a graduate of St. Mary's High School. He is also active at Fairfield University as a staff member at the college radio station and plans a career as an actuary.

Two Town Residents On Dean's List At Johnson & Wales U.

Johnson & Wales University has announced that Agawam residents Christopher Hayes and Dominic Maloni, both Food Service Management majors, were among students named to the Dean's List for the winter term.

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MacDuffie School Has Three From Town On High Honor Roll

Three Feeding Hills area students were named to the High Honor Roll at the end of the second trimester at The MacDuffie School.

Named to the High Honor Roll for maintaining an average of 88 or better were senior Amy Eggleston and freshmen Stefanie Goyette and Melody Serafino.

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1998 AHS Spring Sports Preview



ON MEDIA DAY, the many captains and coaches of the 1998 Agawam High School Spring Sports teams took time out for a season-opening photo. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Girls' Lacrosse Off & Running With Two Season-Opening Wins

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

The Agawam High girls' lacrosse team has only been in existence for four years; one season as a club and three as a varsity program. They have to battle their young way through tough programs like Longmeadow and Minnechaug.

Under the tutelage of third year varsity Coach Cindy Grieve, they managed to make the playoffs the last two years in a row. At this writing, they've won two straight, 8-7 and 12-4 against Amherst and Northampton, respectively. They hope to improve their 11-5 record of last season by playing with the confidence that comes with experience and an ongoing development of the skills that make up champions.

Good Defense Fuels Good Offense

"We have a ton of experience on offense. In our philosophy of lacrosse, good offensive play translates into good defensive play down the other end. And that good defense fuels the good offense. There are no specialists on this team. Everyone can do their job, then some, stressed."

The scheme of things for them evolves and revolves around the passing game. In a sport where hand-eye coordination involving a small, speeding ball and a small basket on the stick in which to throw and catch it, passing is a tall order. "We constantly practice our passing. That is the only way to consistently beat your opponent downfield," the coach said. "We have the kids with the weapons to do it."

Indeed, their attack is balanced. Senior Jill DeMarco (of soccer fame) centers the offense. She is expected to score at all times. After two games, she had five goals. "Jill is the anchor in transition. We expect top offensive and defensive performances from her," Grieve said.

Another senior with the team all four years is Sara Drenzek. "She has the quickest stick on the team. We are looking for her to score more," Grieve noted. Senior Lindy Gage is another four-year veteran. She plays out on the right wing. Lindy, in her first year, was slightly tentative. Then, as she learned, she transformed from a cub into a lioness. "We have a nickname for her - the Beast," Grieve laughed.

Cheryl Lanier and Alison Pratt are two more seniors with much promise. "They are the most improved players we have. They love to practice as well as play. Both of them fought their way to the varsity with good showings on the junior varsity squad last season."

ty squad last season."

The juniors stack up like this, according to Grieve. "Heather Hughes and Nikita Reshamwala are important members in our game plan. They can play offense. But we are going to ask for intense defensive contributions from them, especially Nikita. Christina Gregory developed her game in the off season - probably because she spent most of the lacrosse downtime banging the ball off a wall somewhere. That's the way many of them do it. Her coordination has improved," Grieve noted.

Shelly Rose, a junior, is a story. She had great potential, but last season mononucleosis bagged her. "She was so sick. Shelly needs time to get back," the coach said.

Unless you are real good, liked by the coach, or very lucky, sophomores usually don't figure in all that much in any sport. The team has four who have been given the nod, because they are all very good. Two leads the class of 2000 - goalie Mary Elizabeth Dupelle and Anne Paquette.

Dupelle, according to the coach, has the perfect mindset to play goal in lacrosse. "She doesn't get bothered when someone puts the ball by her. It becomes history. Mary Elizabeth goes back to the job at hand." An added plus to Dupelle is her strength. "Mary is only a sophomore, yet she can pass the ball 50 yards downfield to start our offense," Grieve smiled.

Paquette, up for half of last season from the JV's, has a special talent. Anne is a star ascending. "Without a doubt, she has the best skills on our team," Grieve said.

The other sophomores are Kate Shannon and Sheri Benton. They are two kids who fought their way up from the JV's. Both are soccer and basketball players who will run all day for you. Their gifts, apart from youthful enthusiasm, are equal measures of quality offensive and defensive time. "They earned their right to play for the varsity," Grieve said.

In the end, it comes down to this for the 1998 girls' varsity lacrosse team: "We have to control the midfield area at all times. We'll pass for our offensive set-ups. While speed isn't our strong point, we'll sprint for a short distance with anyone. And, we'll never go one-on-one with anyone. Getting everyone involved, because they are all capable, is the way we'll go," Grieve stressed.

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Clark Era Begins For AHS Baseball

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

Last year, the Agawam High School baseball team finished its regular campaign at 13-8. It was actually two seasons in one. The first half saw them go 9-1. They stumbled in the second 10 games at 3-7, got a low seed in the playoffs, and fell to Westfield in the first round, thus ending the defense of their 1996 Western Mass. crown.

More than one thing contributed to the second half swoon and a 13-8 slate - hitting, pitching, and plain old bad luck. But they had a good three-year run under then head Coach Boo Smith.

The 1998 season will see a new regime. Pete Clark of Agawam is now the head coach. He has chosen 17 players to start the season on the varsity - 13 have had extensive playing time and 12 of them are seniors. A wealth of veterans is usually a good sign for any team hoping to journey down the road to the playoffs.

In baseball, at any level, the trek starts on the mound. The Brownies looked to be in good shape when the workouts began.

The number one starter will be sophomore **Brian St. Jean**, who saw action last season. "Brian has a good fastball and an effective curve. He also has a knuckle change-up. He is a hard worker with good mechanics which usually means good control," Clark noted.

A senior with experience, **Eric Melbourne**, will get the number two nod. He has an active fastball and works a slider off of it. His curve is decent. But he'll have to be careful with his control. Another experienced senior is **Bryan O'Quinn**. He will fill the number three hole. Unfortunately, the

former soccer standout suffered a badly sprained ankle several days ago. "He will be week-to-week now," Clark said.

Junior **Kevin Mattson** is making a strong bid for the fourth spot. "Kevin has a fastball, curve, and is working hard on a change," Clark noted.

Spirited Battle For Fifth Spot

There is a spirited battle for the fifth spot in the rotation between seniors **Doug Nooney** and **Ryan White**, as well as junior **Dave Federico**.

Nooney, according to the coach, has a great work ethic. White, a starter last year, suffered a setback recently when he slicked a tendon in his right hand index finger. He may be sidelined for a month. Federico, up from the junior varsity, is a control pitcher with an adequate sinker and fastball.

One thing which concerns the coach is the lack of a left-hander in the group. It's a situation which could cause some problems strategy-wise if opposing teams begin to load up their lineups with lefty hitters. As far as relief pitching goes, the coach feels they'll be okay in that department because of the five-man rotation.

The kid who'll run the show is senior catcher and captain **Andy St. Jean**, Brian's big brother. "Andy is a leader. He has all the tools for the position, including a good head on his shoulders. I'd match him up against any catcher in Western Mass.," Clark stated.

The infield has depth. First base duties will be shared by **Austin Kimball** and **Eric Melbourne**, both seniors. Both are good defensively. Kimball has more power at the plate, however, and is a smash-mouth type of hitter.

Senior **Jay Hanscom** (for now) seems to have the second base job. Brian St. Jean can play there, too, when he's not pitching. "Actually, Brian has the talent to play any position on the field," Clark said. Both kids are good contact hit-

ters.

The shortstop job belongs to **Mike Wing**, another of the many seniors on the squad. According to the coach, Wing is another leader in a quiet and positive way. He has also hit well in training camp.

Senior **Kevin Cornwell** is at third. He's a steady fielder and has been swinging the bat well. Pressing him for the job is Mattson, who the coach would like to see playing somewhere when the junior is not on the mound.

Rightfield could be patrolled by Kimball, Brian St. Jean, or senior **Brady Martin**. All three have good defensive instincts. Centerfield, usually reserved for those players fleet of foot, was the domain of O'Quinn. Now, veteran senior **Ryan Pro-gulske** or junior **Brian Machos** will see time there. Of the five just mentioned players, all of them can play leftfield. Across the board, infield and outfield, the team is blessed with depth. They may need the numbers if their pitching falters.

Role Of Designated Hitter Day-To-Day

The role of designated hitter will be day-to-day. Whoever is hot will get the nod there. Actually, with the hitters he has, including good hitting pitchers, Clark may platoon the position.

The coach sees this as the key to their season. "We're going to do it as a team. We have the senior leadership. They will have to stay focused. If they can do that and work hard every day, we'll have a very successful season."

Looking around Western Mass. and looking at the schedule his club will play, Clark didn't see a walkover anywhere. "Our league, the Valley League, is strong again. We have Cathedral, last year's Division I champion. Holyoke will be tough, so will Westfield and Minnechaug from the Valley Wheel. Northampton will be a force. We play all of them. It will be a dogfight for everyone, us included," Clark admitted.

Ian Lane Leads Agawam High Track Into 1998 Season

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

Agawam High boys' track and field Coach Bill Dillon was greeted by 53 athletes at the opening of training camp. "That was pretty good - up a bit from last year," he observed.

Among the numbers will be 10 seniors. Unfortunately, only five of them have experience. The other half are first-year competitors. The team lost 10 battle hardened seniors to graduation, including All-American and All-Western Mass. standout **Phil McGeoghan**. "We are going to be hurting a bit, especially in the field events," the coach admitted.

On the track side, there will be some kids who should make an impact. Senior **Ian Lane** should be strong again in the high hurdles, where he captured All-Western Mass. honors last season. Another senior, **Brad Tilden**, is expected to shine in the 100 and 200 meters, as well as certain relay races.

Junior **Mike O'Connor** will be used again in the 400 meters, an event in which he showed well during last year's Western Mass. Tournament. **Rich Rodriguez**, also a junior, is multi-talented. The coach is still trying to figure out where the soccer star will figure in. Another soccer star, junior **Dave Thomas**, back from last year, will be strong in the 800 meters and the mile. Junior **Jason Gagne** is expected to score in the high and low hurdles.

Sophomores **Barry Ward** and **Edwin Torres**, who stood out as freshmen, are expected to do the same this year in the sprints and assorted field events.

A promising freshman is **Mike Thomas**, Dave's brother. He'll get a look in the sprints.

They lost their top two kids in every field event to graduation. "We were very strong last year in the field. Now we will have to scramble for points as far as that goes," Dillon noted.

He has some promising athletes ready to fill some gaps, however. **Mike Lovely**, a junior and first time track and fielder, is a strong kid and will get a good look in the throwing events. Junior basketball player **Marc Pedraza** is back. He'll compete in the discus, triple, and high jumps.

After them, the pickings are slim. "We're hoping kids will step up. We expect to develop our young talent this year and aim for a good showing in the Western Mass. Tournament," Dillon said. He noted that the most important thing for the team this season will be the production of the kids with experience.

"They will have to get the points which could turn a meet in our favor. This year will be a test for all of us."

The coach feels their strongest competition will come from Minnechaug and Longmeadow.

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Huge Numbers Give AHS Girls' Track Plenty Of Depth

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

Agawam High girls' track Coach Dean Vecchiarelli had this to say in describing the 1998 edition of his team: "It's organized chaos."

He was referring to the fact that 75 kids turned out to sweat and labor under the spring sun in hopes of Western Mass. glory. That's a huge number. "Successful programs get this kind of turnout," Vecchiarelli smiled, adding, "Many of them are very good athletes. Some have come out because they like the exercise. And some of them, if they keep at it, could very well develop into good track and field athletes. We welcome all of them to our program."

Vecchiarelli couldn't harness this throng without help. That comes from Assistant Coach Dan Pryce and Chris Benjamin, who is a 1994 AHS graduate who currently attends Springfield College. "Dan has been with me for three years. Chris donates his time and oversees the hurdlers and jumpers. They are very good at organizing everything, which leaves me the time to teach and coach."

Good Ones Back From Last Year

Some good ones are back from last year's 6-3 team. On the track side, there is veteran sophomore **Marie Buendo**, who placed third in the 100 meters in last year's Western Mass. meet. Team co-captain **Aimee Loudfoot**, a senior, is also back. She was sixth in the Western Mass. 100 meters.

The high hurdles see three returnees - senior **Jessica Ferris**, junior **Christine Campbell**, and sophomore **Kerry McGeoghan**. "They are very good athletes. The high hurdles are a skill event, combining both agility and speed. You have to start early and learn how to do it. We're lucky. A lot of freshmen are trying out for the hurdles," Vecchiarelli noted.

Junior **Barbara Maloni** was first in Western Mass. in the 400 meters in 1997. She is back and this year will also compete in the 200 and 100 meters when she can.

Vecchiarelli also has some blue chippers in the 800, including **Kayla Larivee** (sophomore), **Jess Dutton** (junior), and freshman **Steph Pettazzoni**.

Returning distance runners include juniors **Pia Bertone-Gross**, **Danielle DeForge**, and **Melissa Cote** in the two miles. A newcomer, freshman **Heather Newalu**, will compete in the mile. According to the coach, Newalu is a rising star and will be one to watch as her career progresses.

It is in the distance events that the Brownies have had trouble in the past, especially in depth. Agawam doesn't have a cross country program, which hurts the kids who want to go the long route. "We have many kids coming out for the long runs. But they're at a real disadvantage over other schools who have a cross country team because that's where you learn to run the long distance. We lost some meets last year because our distance people, while talented, weren't as experienced as the competition," Vecchiarelli noted.

Plans Underway For Cross Country Program

But there is hope, according to the coach. Plans are underway to create a cross country program this fall. "That will definitely help the track team," Vecchiarelli smiled.

While Vecchiarelli feels his team is stronger in track than field, he has some good performers in the latter group. Senior co-captain **Lonnie Deluca**, besides starring in the 200 meter and 4x100 meter relay, is a competent long jumper. "Lonnie

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FORMER AHS FOOTBALL COACH Harry Leonard (second seated row, middle of row) attended last October's 40th reunion of the great Agawam High 1957 football team. Advertiser

News file photo by Jack Devine.

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Indeed, the football program produced many outstanding linemen during Leonard's reign - kids like All-American **Ronnie Young**, plus multiple All-Western Mass. performers **Paul Gazillo**, **Dennis McGrevy**, and **John Connelly**.

Gazillo, a member of the 1964 team and now a successful businessman in Chicago, remembers his coach in this way: "I think the thing that made us good was the fact that we were cohesive. And Harry was a hard taskmaster. All of us were in tremendous shape."

Gazillo told us that Leonard was single-minded in his pursuit of football excellence, which rubbed some people the wrong way.

"Was he liked as a person? Well, he wasn't there to make friends - just win," Kibbe responded when asked that question. "Harry used to say that the only good thing to happen on a Saturday afternoon was the cheerleaders dancing on the sidelines after another game went into the win column for us," Kibbe chuckled.

Strong-Willed Character

If some people thought ill of the coach, his players certainly saw things differently. They knew and accepted his strong-willed character. Don Gravel, a member of the 1966 squad, had this story. "Coach Leonard was superstitious. He believed if he found a coin on the field before a game, it meant good luck. We used to throw some here and there when he wasn't around. The ones he found, he'd give to the captains. They would hide them in the locker room. We had them made up into the number 26 laying on velvet in a glass case, which we presented to him at the end of the '66 season."

Leonardi took over the team after the 1956 season at the age of 27. He replaced another legend, **Harmon Smith**. **Ed Modzelesky** of Agawam, now the athletic director at East Longmeadow High School, played for the coach back then.

"Harry had those big shoes to fill. He came in and accepted the challenge head-on, which was his style. And we all know what he went on to do for the program. I was fortunate to have been coached by him. He set my life in the right direction. Outside of my dad, Coach Leonard had the

greatest influence on me."

While Leonard had an exterior comparable to raw granite, there was another side to the man. Not too many people were allowed to see it. One that did was his wife of 45 years, **Peggy**, who is a registered nurse. "We were married in 1953. Then, I asked him if he'd love me and take care of me for the rest of my life. He said yes and he did."

"Harry was devoted to the things he cared about. So it was with football. He was honest in his dealings with people. No one could question his integrity. His teams were a lot like him, tough but fair," Peggy said from her Cape Cod home. "During football season, though, he was a football coach and I was a football widow," she laughed.

Some still speculate why Leonard, at the height of his coaching career, left the game in 1967. Some say he got sick of too many head coaches up in the stands. Some say he was just burned out, for many times the light that burns the brightest lasts the least. Maybe the administration forced him out.

Both Kibbe and Harry's wife disagree. "He left because, like it is today, there isn't really enough money in coaching, at least when you measure the financial reward against all the headaches," noted Kibbe. Peggy saw it about the same way. "We had two very bright children, **Craig** and **Lois Ann**. It was obvious they were going to go a long way in life. We looked to the future and realized we needed more money. Harry went out and made it, and it didn't involve football."

Craig Leonard, who attended Amherst, is now a doctor in St. Louis. **Lois Ann** attended the prestigious Cleveland Institute of Art and now resides in Watertown.

Last Years Spent On Cape Cod

Leonardi spent his last years on Cape Cod. Two years ago, we asked him if he thought much about football anymore. He said, "Not very much."

But Harry did show up last October 11th at the Polish American Club in Feeding Hills as part of the 1957 team reunion. The 1957 team was considered one of the all-time great teams at AHS. All in attendance agreed Harry had a good time. "He told me after it was over that it was the highlight of his life," Modzelesky said.

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AHS Boys' Tennis A Good Mix Of Experience & Newcomers In 1998

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

Thirteen kids showed up for this year's Agawam High School boys' tennis team. That might be an unlucky number for some, but the always positive Bill Spear, coach of the team, sees some diamonds in the rough among that number, which for some, is rough.

The team is coming off an 8-5 1997 season, which saw them go to the Western Mass. Tournament. They hold pre-season practice, regular season practice, and their home matches are on the windswept plateau occupied by the AHS tennis complex. It's tough enough to maintain your balance on a windy day up there. Imagine what it must be like to hit a fuzzy, windblown ball in any kind of aggressive direction. Kids show up to do it.

Spear has some interesting newcomers. Two of them are golfers (seniors) **Bob Bousquet** and **Jon Couture**. "I'm impressed with both of them. They have good athletic ability and great attitudes," Spear said of the right-handers.

He also has high praise for another first-time guy - senior **Jim Crowley**, a lefty. "He's new, shows promise, and will get a look," Spear noted.

The core of his team, however, will revolve around senior lefty **Brett Demers** and another senior southpaw, **Mike Halpy**. "These two have hustle, spirit, are solid and steady, and are ready to go," Spear observed.

Ted Lee will be another force. In his fourth year on the varsity, the right-hander never stops working on his game. "He gets his points on court savvy. Ted knows where he should be and what shot to play," Spear said.

What really excites the coach, however, are five freshmen: **Mike Kirk**, **Sean Mercadante**, **Sean Duvall**, **Lionel Nunez**, and **Brian Cote**. "I call them my 'fab five' of the future. We went out and recruited them."

He also mentioned the **Kraft brothers**, senior Geoff and sophomore Mike. "They are a patent duo. They'll vie for spots all over the singles and doubles sheet."

Another senior right, **Todd Livengood**, will make a play for playing time, according to the coach.

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is a very versatile athlete who will help us get some much needed points on the field side," Vecchiarelli commented.

Junior **Lindsay Hadden** was third last year at Western Mass. in the discus. She also excels in the shot put.

Sophomore **Kerry McGeoghan**, kid sister of the legendary **Phil McGeoghan**, will lead the high jumpers this season.

In the end, Vecchiarelli, who is probably better known as the Brownie football coach, knows from five years at the track helm, that balance is everything. "Yeah, that is completely true. When you have a balanced team, you can score points all across the board. Other teams can't stack kids up against you in certain events, knowing you don't have a chance in some of the others. Our numbers will insure us that we'll have the athletes in place where we need them."

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TED LEE (left) and Jeff Lyman are the two captains of the 1998 Agawam High boys' tennis team. Advertiser News photo by Dave Rollins.

We can't forget seniors **Jeff Lyman** and **Jeff Machia**. "Both of them worked hard over the summer. Lyman has a great serve and is a legitimate number one singles player. Machia, who is now in his third year on the varsity, has good all-around court sense. He'll battle for a singles spot and maybe a doubles job, as well," Spear noted.

All of the above should make life easier for a coach, right? Wrong! Lyman will play first singles. Lee is in at second singles. Third singles is still up for grabs. Demers and Bousquet will go early in first doubles. Halpy and Couture will try second doubles. The depth of his team will come into play. The coach still has a number of decisions to make.

"We have experience and talent. They have the work ethic. After all, this is a senior team (nine of 13, with six returnees). They love to play and also practice. Their focus will take us back to the tournament," Spear concluded.

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Rebuilding Year Seen For Girls' Tennis After 11-3 Season In 1997

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

Last season, the Agawam High girls' tennis team came in at 11-3, were the Pioneer League champs, and went to the playoffs. But graduation is a cruel thing. They lost four of seven starters. "This is a rebuilding year," Coach **Mary Wolochowicz** said.

Only two spots at presstime are on the books in singles. **Maureen Dimock**, a senior and the top singles player last season, will be back at that spot. Second singles will go to **Kaitlin White**. Last year she played number one doubles.

The number three singles spot is up for grabs.

Number one doubles will see **Courtney Locke** with **Wendy Gonzales**. Locke, a veteran, will help the AFS exchange student from Bolivia with the fast-paced doubles game.



MAUREEN DIMOCK (left) and COURTNEY LOCKE are the two captains of the 1998 Agawam High girls' tennis team. Advertiser News photo by Dave Rollins.

According to the coach, the number two doubles spot is still being contested. The following kids are in the hunt - **Janice Balicki**, **Michelle Clauson**, **Seema Gada** (all seniors); juniors **Andrea Cizak** and **Joyce Tedone** will get a good look; sophomores **Jen Harvey**, **Lynn Hopkins**, and **Kelly Webb** are future stars. "During the season, all of these kids will challenge for a starting spot," Wolochowicz noted.

"Lack of experience is our biggest problem this year. We'll be playing new kids in two of five positions," Wolochowicz admitted. "I expect a fair season, but nothing close to last year."

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Patterson, Conte, Fleming Answers To Some Questions For AHS Softball

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

The Agawam High girls' softball team came so close last season. They ended up with a 13-7 regular season record, which didn't grab the Valley League crown, but was good enough to get them into the playoffs. On guts and determination, they went all the way to the Western Mass. finals before falling to Division I champion Pittsfield at Szot Park, to finish up at 16-8.

Not bad, but not good enough for a program that always feels they can do better based on past performance.

The Brownies enter this season with some question marks, small ones, granted, but the questions are there nonetheless. They lost seven seniors, including top notch first baseman Melissa Troie, smooth second sacker Jen O'Neil, powerhitting catcher Andrea Nolan, pitcher Danielle Curley, and rightfielder Christie Ronca. That meant Coach Debbie Lickley had to do a bit of a juggling act to get this year's roster up to speed.

Mound Duties To Be Shared

Two juniors will share the mound duties, **Lindsay Mason** and **Alison Jackobek**. Jackobek is the more overpowering of the two. Yet, Lindsay saw more action last season, relieving Curley or filling in with a start here and there. "We'll be okay as far as our pitching goes," Lickley said. "We will alternate. That way, we'll have someone ready for relief duties if necessary."

The catching duties will be handled by sophomore **Dianna DiStefano**. DiStefano was enjoying a productive training camp when she injured her right shoulder last week. She could be out for up to 14 days, which means she'll miss some early season games. So, freshman **Amanda Merola** has been tabbed to fill in while DiStefano mends up. The coach usually doesn't like to start freshmen because most of them have to learn which end is up. But sometimes it happens.

"Remember a certain first-year player named Kristen Patterson? She started from day one and look at her career," Lickley smiled. Now, the coach isn't trying to make any comparisons, but experience under fire is the best way to learn the ropes.

First base has been taken over by senior **Shauna Hadden**. "Shauna isn't overly mobile on defense, but she's working hard to master the position. We really need her at the plate. So far, Shauna has been hitting with power. That's a good sign," Lickley said.

Second base is fair game. Two kids, both juniors who spent last season with the junior varsity, **Jess Montagna** and **Kornelia Moysis**, are battling for the job and will probably continue to do so into the first stages of the season. "We know the right side of the infield needs some work," Lickley admitted.

It's a completely different story once you round second base. Perennial All-Western Mass. pick **Kristen Patterson** patrols shortstop. She has a vacuum cleaner for a glove, antelope speed on the bases, and, according to her, more power this year at the plate.

Because of that, Patterson will be hitting third in the batting order rather than her familiar lead-off spot.

"We're looking for Kristen to drive in the runs. Things might feel a little strange to her at first, but

she can adjust to anything," Lickley said. Patterson doesn't feel the switch will hurt her in the stolen base department, where she is chief thief in Western Mass. In a scrimmage last Monday against Southwick, one at bat saw her reach first on a single, steal second, steal third, and come home on an infield hit. No problem at all for the kid - it was just another afternoon at the office.

All-Western Mass. pick **Amber Conte**, also a four-year member of the varsity and a three-year starter, will once again showcase her slick fielding and aggressive talents at the hot corner.

Behind the left side, senior **Amy Mastroianni** will be in left. The fleet-footed **Steph Fleming**, a veteran senior, will roam the vastness of center. Anyone who hits the ball in the direction of this gifted group will experience a serious challenge to their batting average.

Rightfield, right now, looks to be the domain of senior **Vanessa Galluzzo**, though there are kids who might challenge for the job. As with first and second base, the coach will have to monitor that position closely.

Hitting, always well balanced with pitching, will be a strong area for the team this season, according to Lickley. "We have the bats. Steph (Fleming) will lead-off. She'll have to get on base for us to be effective."

Aggressiveness On the Base Paths

The coach also stressed that they'll continue one of the trademarks of Brownie softball - aggressiveness on the base paths. Besides Patterson, others can and will run at every opportunity.

They'll have some good back-up players as well. Galluzzo, Merola, Moysis, **Erin Rescigno**, and freshman **Jill Gendron**, if they don't win starting jobs, are capable utility people.

There will be many tests for the 1998 edition of Brownie softball. "The Berkshire teams are all tough. Our league is tough. There are no paties on our schedule," Lickley stated, obviously ready for the challenge.

If there is one key she wanted stressed, it is the role of her four captains - Patterson, Conte, Mastroianni, and Fleming. Combined, they have 13 years of varsity experience. "They will set the tone for our entire season. They are the heart of our softball tradition at Agawam High School," she said with obvious pride.

UNICO Planning 1st Annual Golf Outing At Ag. CC

On Sunday, June 7th, the Agawam Chapter of Unico National will be holding its first annual Unico Golf Tournament at the Agawam Country Club.

According to Joseph J. Conte, Jr., first vice-president of the Unico chapter and chairman of the upcoming tournament, this event will feature a hole-in-one contest and many prizes for everyone. What's more, there will be a complete steak dinner at the Italian Sporting Club on Cooper Street, Agawam, following the tournament.

The tournament will be a scramble, best ball format, and tickets are \$50 per person/\$200 per foursome.

Tickets and additional information are available by calling Joseph J. Conte, Jr., 786-6700, Gene Mutti, 786-7644, or John Conte, 786-9518.

Girl Scout Road Race & Fun Walk Slated For Sunday, April 19th

The Pioneer Valley Girl Scout Council 5K Road Race and 2 Mile Fun Walk, "Always in Stride!" is scheduled for Sunday, April 19th to begin and end at Milton Bradley Co. in East Longmeadow.

The Fun Walk starts at 1:00 p.m. with a gift to the first 250 entrants. Fee is \$3, and \$5 after April 10th. The Road Race begins at 2:00 p.m. and is course certified and sanctioned by TAC. A long-sleeved t-shirt will be given to the first 125 entrants.

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Compiled by
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Welcome To The 1998 Golf Season...

Welcome, fellow golfers, to the 1998 golf season. Once again, *The Agawam Advertiser News* will be allowing me to bring to its readers a golf tip each week. The series of tips this year will be brought to you for the next 25 weeks.

As in past years, these golf tips will be short and very easy to understand. Everything we seem to read in the magazines of today seems to complicate the understanding of the golf swing. This will certainly not be the case with my weekly "tip of the week."

I will cover all of the parts of the game. I will have tips in the following breakdown; Pre-Swing, Swing, Shotmaking and Trouble Play, Correcting Faults, Short Game, Sand Play, Putting, and Mental Approach. These tips will be structured to help every golfer from novice beginner to low-handicap, advanced golfers.

Be faithful and read my tip each week, and I am sure that you will improve your golf game as the season progresses.

(Just a reminder to our readers that once again this summer, *The Agawam Advertiser News* and the Oak Ridge Golf Club will be sponsoring the Junior Golf Program. The program will be offered to children from age six to age 16. More information and the applications will be in future editions of *The AAN*.)

Tip #1



Start With Your Feet Together...

Balance is one of the most important elements of the golf swing. You'll never see a good player with moving feet because a loss of balance destroys the smooth swinging action necessary to making a good shot.

To ingrain balance, practice swinging with your feet together. You'll find that you'll eliminate excessive body movement, hit the ball almost as far as you normally would, and use very little effort. The moment you lose balance, it means you've over swung or tried to use too much body.

As you develop rhythm and consistency, gradually spread your feet to shoulder width, but keep that same sense of balance.

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Agawam U13 Tigers Win U14 Indoor Title



THE AGAWAM SOCCER ASSOCIATION'S U13 Tigers last Sunday won the U14 Games & Lanes Indoor Soccer Championship following a hard-fought, 1-0 victory over Our Lady Of Hope of Springfield. Jen Sharpe scored the game's only goal in this rare, low-scoring indoor game. Team members were, back row, from left - Coach Ed Brown, Victoria Ruhl, Assistant Coach Dave LaPlante, Melissa Savenko, Sherri Laskowski, Assistant Coach Frank Fitchben, Whitney Brown, Kelly Reilly, Assistant Coach Joe Ruhl, Ellen Rannenberg, and Jen Sharpe. Front row - Meaghan Brown, Aimee Beaudette, Melissa Jubinville, Kim Hoague, Tricia Fitchben, and Nicole Gendreau.

Agawam's Big Sister



FRANCIS CATALDO presents an award to volunteer bowler Gail Midura (right) of Agawam, a former Big Sister, at the March 28th "Bowl for Kids' Sake" fundraiser benefitting Big Brothers Big Sisters of Hampden County. Gail's team raised \$950 for the organization.

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Riverside Park Hopes Success Of Racing Continues Into Spring

With the season opening Pepsi 200 in the record books, Riverside Park Speedway is looking forward to the remainder of its NASCAR modified season.

"We are going to race almost everything with an engine here at the Park," says Director of Auto Racing Joe Lewandoski, "but the highlight of our weekly program will be our NAPA Modified division. On any given Saturday night, Riverside Park has the best modified show in New England."

Lewandoski announced the creation of the "Modified Madness Series" at a press luncheon before the Pepsi 200 and reviewed the details of the more than \$104,000 that will be paid out in special events and bonus awards. "I am trying to highlight the modifieds in a way that exposes them to people all over New England and also attracts the best modified drivers to Riverside Park."

Beginning July 21st with the Triple 50's Summertime Madness event, Modified drivers will have many opportunities to cash in on Riverside Park Speedway's new series. Lewandoski announced a bonus of \$10,000 to any driver who wins all three Triple 50's races on that night. The three back-to-back \$5,000 to win races will be run in Modifieds, Pro Stocks, and SK Modifieds.

The series will continue with the "Invitational Challenge" on August 18th. This race will feature an invited group of drivers competing against Riverside Park regulars for 75 laps. Drivers participating in the August 18th challenge race include JR Kent, George Kent, Junior Miller, Siegfried, John Blewett III, Chuck Steuer, Bill Park, Jan Leaty, Mike Stefanik, and several others. Riverside Park has posted \$3,000 to win the event, with a total purse of \$18,350.

August 18th will also feature an SK Modified "Topless 75" race. SK Modifieds will remove their roof panels and race for 75 laps. The total purse for the SK "Topless 75" is \$11,500, with the winner taking home \$2,500.

Riverside Park Speedway will close its 50th Anniversary season with the Fall Classic. This two-day event on October 31st-November 1st will feature the final installment of the series. "We're bringing back 'Run what you Brung' racing. Modified drivers can build anything, put wings on them or whatever," says Lewandoski. A 40-lap SK Modified race, with \$1,500 posted to win, will also take place November 1st.

An ambitious bonus money program was also announced to increase the stakes for many of Riverside Park Speedway's events. A bonus of \$2,500 will be awarded to any driver who wins all three Bud Triple Crown races, \$2,500 will go to any driver who wins all three "Modified Madness Series" races and the previously mentioned \$10,000 Triple 50's bonus.

Riverside Park Speedway will feature the Bud Triple Crown on May 9th, July 4th, and September 5th. The Bud Riverside 500 Team race will be held on May 23rd. The first point race for the NAPA Modified division will be held on Saturday, April 11th.

This Tennis Team Is A "Sure" Thing!!!



THE "SURE SHOTS," Agawam's 3.0 U.S.T.A. (United States Tennis Association) women's tennis team, is still going strong. The team was in the 2.5 division last year and won its winter and summer seasons, then went on to win the Regionals in New Hampshire and qualified for Districts in South Hadley. Since then, the team has moved to the 3.0 ranking level and is looking for recruits for the 1998 summer season (beginning in May and lasting through July). If you are interested, contact Cyndi Berkowitz, 786-6971, or Dawn Fleury, 789-2922. Pictured above from left to right: Cyndi Berkowitz, Patti Rubin, Sue Stack, Jane Zabielski, Coach Rudy Altobelli, Dawn Fleury, Sandi Powell, Mary-Alice Stusick-Plant, Lisa Touchette, and Coach Dino Christos. (Missing from photo: Serena Fuller, Lisa McLaughlin, and Brenda Loguidice.) Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Parks & Rec. Dept. Taking Applications For Swimming Coaches

The Agawam Parks & Recreation Department is now accepting applications for the positions of swim team coach and assistant swim team coach.

Applicants must be 16 years of age to be eligible for employment. For more information, call the Agawam Recreation Department at 821-0514.

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COA Golf Tourney Slated For May 29th

The third Annual Agawam C.O.A. Golf Tournament will be held May 29th at the Agawam Country Club. Cost of the tournament is \$40. This year's proceeds will go toward the new furnishings of the Senior Center.

Tee off time is at 12:00 noon. Snacks will be served at 11:30 a.m. (cheese, fruit, and crackers). This year, the tournament will end with cold cut grinders, potato and macaroni salad, pickles, and olives.

Golf registration forms are available at the Senior Center. Support the Agawam seniors! Join in the fun! Many raffle prizes and one grand prize will be offered. For more information, call the Senior Center at 786-0400, ext. 242.

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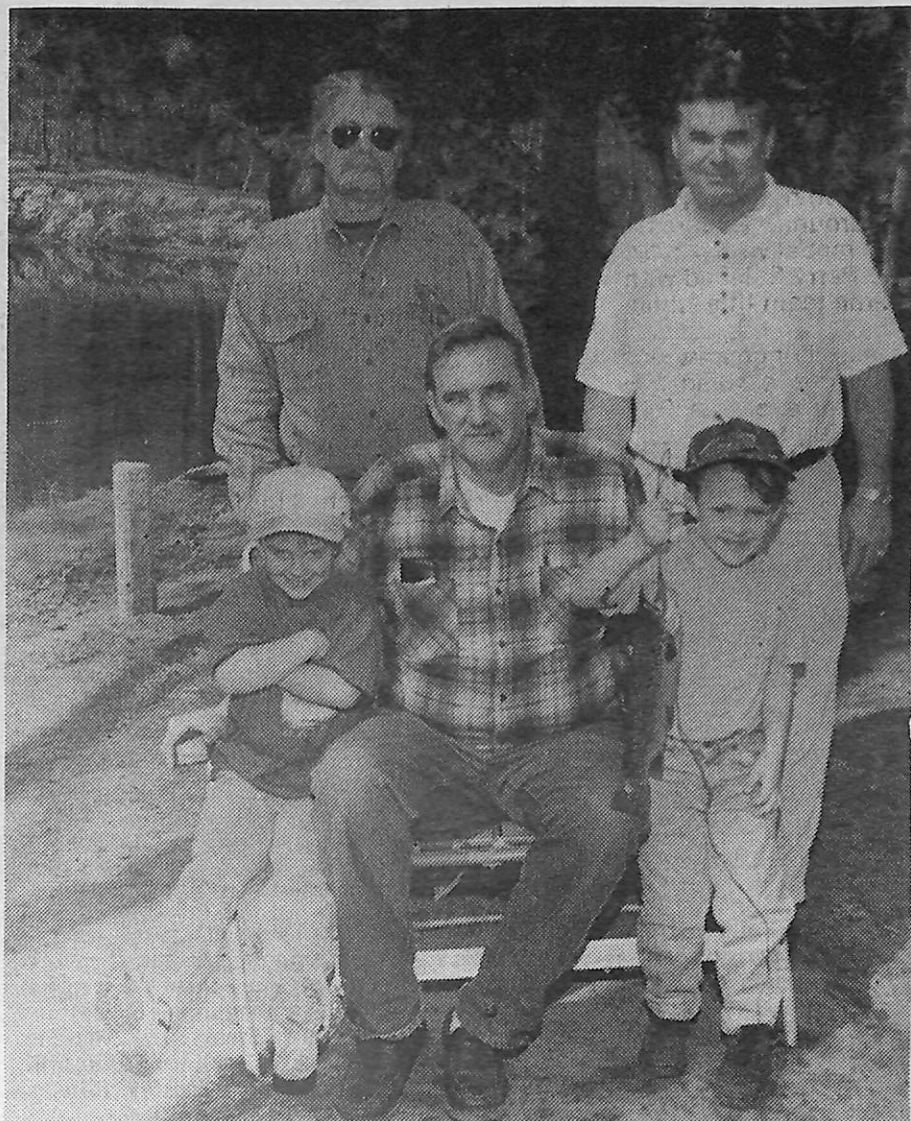
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1st Alumni Track Meet Slated For May 24th At Agawam High School

The Agawam High School Track Parents' Association is sponsoring the **First Annual Alumni Track Meet** to be held on Sunday, May 24th, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. (with registration at 12:30 p.m.) at the Agawam High School Track Field.

The cost per alumni or resident athlete is \$3. Admission to the event is \$3 (general admission), \$2 (students with student I.D.), and free for seniors.

Come out and support the Agawam High School boys'/girls' track teams as they compete against former track athletes, other high school students, and residents. There will be pre-registration forms available at the High School and at the Agawam Library. All forms should be returned by May 10th (with the \$3) to Emily Crough, 55 Dale Avenue, Feeding Hills, MA 01030.

This event is a fundraiser for the Agawam High School track teams. All proceeds will be donated to the Track Parents' Association to continue assisting the athletes.

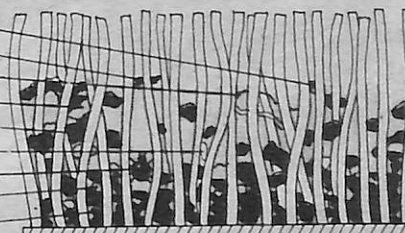
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Registration is now being accepted at the Recreation Office. The fee is \$25 for six weeks. Instructor: Dan Pryce.

Registration for the following programs will be accepted at the Recreation Office, Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., beginning April 13th.

PIRANHAS SWIM TEAM

Sponsored by the Agawam Parks & Recreation Department, the Piranhas are for boys and girls ages five through 18. They meet Monday through Thursday, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., at the Agawam Junior High School and Perry Lane Pools.

The fee is \$60 per participant (Agawam/Feeding Hills resident) and \$75 (non-resident).

The season runs the second week of May through the end of July. New swimmers will try out for the program during the first week of May.

YOUTH LACROSSE

Sponsored by the Agawam Parks & Recreation Department, Youth Lacrosse is for boys in grades five through eight. The program will meet on Mondays and Wednesdays, 5:30 to 7:00 p.m., beginning April 27th and ending on June 3rd. All games will take place at the Agawam Junior High School field.

The fee is \$35 per participant (which includes a t-shirt). Participants must supply their own lacrosse stick and lacrosse or hockey helmet (with full mask). Instructors: Nick St. George and Bob Young.

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Daggett's National Invitational Held At Springfield College

The annual Tim Daggett National Invitational was held March 21st-22nd at Springfield College.

In the 16-18 Junior Elite class, John Szymczyk used a 9.3 (second) and a 9.0 (first) to capture the silver medal with a 51.30 all-around. Teammate Darren Morace took the bronze medal with a 50.90 all-around. Agawam's Mathieu Perry finished with a 44.0. The boys also secured the team title with a 146.20.

In the 14-15 Junior Elite class, Longmeadow's Jamey Houle climbed to the winner's stand five times, as he was golden on floor exercise (9.1), pommel horse (9.2), vault (9.3), high bar (8.5), and all-around (52.40). Gymmate Patrick McFarlin finished fourth at 41.70.

In the class 3, 12-13 age group, Steven Gaudette was ringing the victory bell, as his three apparatus and all-around (51.20) titles will attest. Alan Parsons was right behind him, taking two event titles and third all-around (47.80).

Class 4 also had great scores: Jeff Krok, 43.4 (fifth); Daniel Messier, 43.3 (sixth); Michael Marino, 42.6 (eighth); and Alex Smith, 39.2.

The "young guns" in the class five, 8-9 age group had a productive day as the Parzych brothers outdueled most of the competition, with Darren taking third (49.8) and Mark second (52.6). In the 10-11 group, Daniel Liebowitz held fourth place with a 51.3, and Brett Ringie had a 47.3.

Little Matthew Sharp felt 10-feet tall when his 50.10 got him a top-10 spot in the class six, 7-9 group. Eric Parsons, 47.0 (eighth), and Craig Rinaldi, 47.2 (seventh), also had great meets, as their scores show.

The boys are coached by Tim Daggett and Todd Henry.

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Daggett Girls Win State Championship

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Tim Daggett Gold Medal Gymnastics teammates Lauren Powell and Michelle Germano were crowned State Champions in their respective divisions at the U.S.A. Gymnastics Level 10 State Championships held March 29th at Algonquin Regional High School.

Agawam's Powell used an 8.85 on vault (first) and a twisting 8.85 on floor (first) to sweep the Junior A class with a 35.175 all-around.

West Springfield's Germano took top honors in the Junior B class with a 35.45. Michelle has a high-flying uneven bar set that earned her a 9.25 (first).

Both young ladies will be going on to the U.S.A. Gymnastics regional competition to be held later in the spring.

The girls are coached by Joe Siameri and Bruce Kirk.

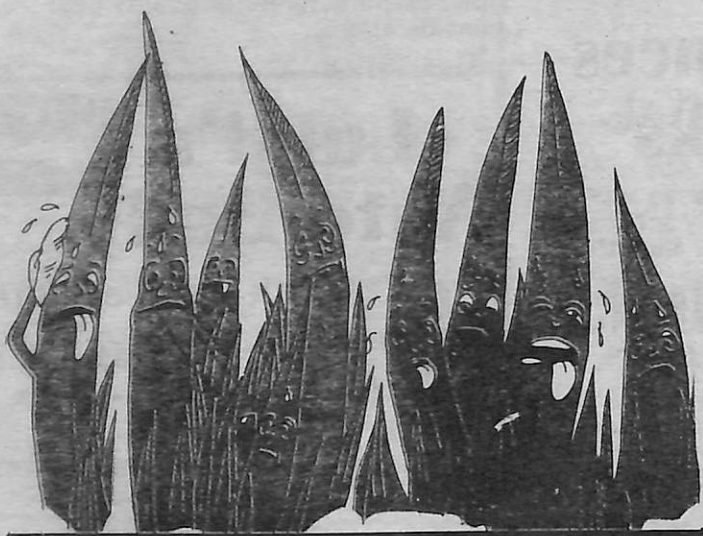
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The Coaches' Baseball Camp will be running a Mini-Camp during the spring vacation. The camp will be run at the Sacred Heart athletic fields.

The dates will be Monday, April 20th, to Wednesday, April 22nd. They will be half-day sessions from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. (The rain "make up" day will be Wednesday afternoon.)

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Outdoors New England

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Everything (Almost!) That You Wanted To Know About Fish Finders...

I have received quite a few inquiries lately about fish finders and which ones are best, so in response to the many questions that I have personally answered, I decided to put this little info packet together. If I am getting that many inquiries personally, I figure that there must be quite a bit of interest in the subject.

Kent's Quick Guide To Buying Fish Finders

Buying depth finders is not a complicated process. Sometimes, the buyer has done some research on fish finders, while others have no preconceived ideas and will count on expert sales advice.

Buying the right unit to meet the boater's needs is important. We don't always need to buy the most expensive unit, nor do we need to take the easy way out and simply buy on price only.

On occasion, you will have a boater who needs a sonar unit simply to tell him or her how deep the water is. He might simply be a recreational boater and not have any interest whatsoever in fish-finding capabilities.

Some brand new boat owners may fall into this category. The boater may simply want to know how deep the water is so that he will not run aground. It is important that the novice boater understands how sonar works so that he does not have the impression that it will give him advance warning of what is ahead of his boat.

This type of buyer needs to understand that the sonar unit is looking straight down from the transducer, which is almost always mounted at the stern of the boat. By seeing that the depth is changing from deep to shallow, he can usually have the early warning that he needs to change course back to deeper water.

The Shallow Depth Alarm May Be An Important Feature!

It should be pointed out to the novice boater that sudden obstructions such as a large boulder or submerged reef will not be detected until the boat has passed over it. By then, the damage may already be done.

Despite advances in high-tech electronics, there is no substitution for common-sense, basic boating skills, and attention to one's surroundings.

Many boaters are fishermen. They want to have an instrument that can help them catch more fish. Today's sophisticated sonar units are now com-

monly called fish finders. The sonar information is transformed from simple pulse echoes into visual graphics that the user can see.

The Fish I.D. Feature May Be An Important One!

All of the Eagle and Lowrance fish finders, as well as many others, have the fish I.D. feature. This feature will interpret echoes that occur between the transducer and the bottom. The fish I.D. will interpret the signal and display a fish-shaped signal which is relative in size to the fish it has picked up.

Nothing is foolproof, however. Any object that passes within the sonar cone and is not directly connected to the bottom will display as a fish. The fish I.D. is nevertheless a great feature for the fisherman and can help him to catch more fish.

Once the fisherman has become intimately familiar with all of the features of his fish finder, he may wish to try turning off the fish I.D. mode and operate in the manual mode. This will allow him to set the sensitivity to a higher level and display more detailed information.

Fish will be displayed as fingernail-shaped arches. Schools of bait fish will show up as a cloud made up of many single pixels. Additional adjustments to such features as S.C.C. (surface clutter control) and GRAY LINE SENSITIVITY may be necessary to give the optimum display.

Fishermen who troll with downriggers may want to see the depth at which the downrigger weights are, as well as where the fish are. In the manual mode, the units may also be able to display where the thermocline is. This is the layer that separates the warmer surface water from the cold water that is not warmed by sunlight.

Because the cold water is slightly denser, small particles of algae and zoo plankton will often suspend at the thermocline. This can only be seen using the highest sensitivity levels, and will probably not be seen using the automatic mode that is required for the fish I.D. feature.

Great Lakes fishermen, as well as some fishermen who fish large, deep lakes, often troll their rigs at the level of the thermocline; hence, this can be an important feature.

Fish finder resolution is also an important aspect to consider when choosing a depth finder. The display screen is made up of small dots called pixels. The smaller the pixels, the more definition.

Some fish finders in the Eagle and Lowrance lineup have different pixel counts. Pixels are usually counted in a vertical line. The Super Pro I.D. has 100 vertical pixels, while the X70A has 200.

Obviously, the X70A has the highest resolution screen and gives the clearest "picture" of what is under the boat. It is also considerably more expensive.

Selecting The Right Unit

The following will help to serve as a quick reference guide to deciding which unit to buy when you don't already know exactly what you want. This is only a quick reference guide as to what to ask yourself.

The proper questions can also give a clue as to the quality and price level that you can afford.

One of the easiest qualifiers is, "What kind of a boat do you have?" If the answer is that you have a canoe or car top, then you are a definite candidate for the Eagle portable or a Fishing Buddy II by Bottom Line. If you have a runabout or bow rider, you may be interested in more than just fishing, and an elaborate unit may not be appropriate.

Ask yourself, "Are you a serious fisherman or do you just fish occasionally?" If the answer is that you are seriously concerned with catching fish, you can (with a little rationalization) walk him right up to the "top of the line" product.

The growing popularity of bass fishing and bass tournaments has spawned a new breed of aggressive, "high-tech" fishermen. Most all bass fishermen use a bow-mounted trolling motor, and are excellent prospects for Scan Pac add-on sales. Side-scan transducers are usually mounted on the side of the electric trolling motor's motor housing, and will look under docks and find fish and fish-holding structure.

Side-scan units will look to the side of the boat, and by turning the trolling motor at right angles, can also look ahead. This feature does not give the boater a view of upcoming hazards when he is underway with the main engine, as the trolling motor will be out of the water.

Most bass fishermen who own bass boats use two depth finders. One is mounted on the console in front of the steering wheel, and is used to find structure and fish while underway at cruising speeds. The second unit is mounted in the front of the boat and can be easily seen by the person operating the trolling motor.

This is not a poor man's sport. It would not be unusual to find an X70A or an Ultra II Plus on the console, and a unit capable of side scan mounted up front.

Another important question to ask yourself is, "Do you fish in the ocean or in fresh water?" This is an important qualifying question. Salt water requires a stronger sonar signal to get good readings. If the answer is "ocean" or "both," what kind of fish do you go after? If you never leave the relatively shallow bays, most of the lower-priced units will perform satisfactorily.

If you go offshore for deep-water species, go directly to the X70A or the 350A. These are high-power units and can perform to depths up to 1,500 feet. Another option would be one of the color video units on the market. Manufacturers such as Sitek, Furuno, and others make some fine units for ocean work.

A good rule of thumb is to buy the best unit that you can afford, then spend some quality time getting intimately familiar with all of the features and "bells and whistles" that the unit has.

It may appear that I have shown a decided slant in favor of the Lowrance and Eagle units in the text of this article. I have been a loyal Lowrance/Eagle user for many years. I have owned seven or eight different units, and have had bad experiences with some other manufacturers' units.

While I am unabashedly prejudiced in favor of the Lowrance line of products, there are many other manufacturers of quality gear that deserve consideration.

Riverside Park Speedway Announces Schedule Change For Pro Stocks

Riverside Park Speedway has added one race to the schedule for the Serv-U Auto Supply Pro Stock Division. Saturday, June 6th will feature a 40-lapper for Pro Stocks, previously not scheduled to compete that night.

Riverside Park Speedway also announced another open practice on Wednesday, April 15th from 6:00-10:00 p.m. Admission is \$10 and River-

side Park Speedway season pit passes will be honored. Riverside Park had previously scheduled a practice for Saturday, March 21st, but it was cancelled due to inclement weather.

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